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## RELIANCE RETAIL GETS ₹ 7,5K CR FROM US FIRM

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) on Saturday said it has received ₹7,500 crore from US private equity firm Silver Lake Partners, which has picked up 1.75 per cent stake in its retail arm — Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. This is the second billion-dollar investment by Silver Lake in a Reliance Industries subsidiary after the $1.35 billion investment in Jio Platforms announced earlier this year.

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Department of Tourism
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A New Chapter in the History of
Karnataka Tourism

Sri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Release of New
Karnataka Tourism Policy 2020-25

By
Sri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Date: 27.09.2020

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"Karnataka is a land of Glorious Tradition, Rich Culture and Artistic Excellence. Nature's exotic playground is a royal retreat for every traveler. The main aim of this new Tourism Policy is to ensure that every visitor to this beautiful land should take back satisfying experiences." – **C.T. Ravi**, Minister for Tourism, Kannada & Culture and Youth Empowerment and Sports.

**Karnataka Tourism Policy 2020-25 Highlights**

- Karnataka has unveiled its new Tourism policy, which aims to generate over 10 lakh direct and indirect jobs in the sector and INR 5,000 crore in investments by 2025.
- The Government aims to increase the contribution of tourism from 14.8% to 20% of GSDP by 2025.
- 360° marketing strategy shall be adopted to promote Karnataka in domestic and key international markets and to leverage Karnataka's brand of "One State, Many Worlds" to attract higher tourist footfalls to position Karnataka as a most preferred destination.
- Agri Tourism and Rural Tourism are the core tourism themes of the Policy with the objective to promote not just with agricultural and farming activities but also various aspects of rural life in Karnataka such as local cuisine, culture, traditions, arts, etc.
- Steps to popularize culture of Lambani and Adivasi communities at both national and international levels.
- Comprehensive development of tourism sector in the state with focus on the 5As- Attraction, Accommodation, Accessibility, Amenities and Activities.
- Heritage tourism shall be promoted with focus on the 2Es – Explore and Experience.

WORLD TOURISM DAY 2020 | TOURISM & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

World Tourism Day 27th September, 2020.

UNWTO has designated 2020 as the **Year of Tourism and Rural Development**. Karnataka Tourism will be actively promoting 'Agri Tourism this year to highlight the fascinating facets of Rural Karnataka. While showcasing the exquisite talents of the region the focus is to preserve and have an effect of inclusive development and community participation. Also culture of Lambani and Adivasi communities will be given the needed impetus.

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★ Script Your Adventure' Campaign of Karnataka Tourism awarded the Prestigious, International, PATA Gold Award – 2020

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As is enshrined in our Constitution, to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life and to have compassion for living creatures is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

## citibank

Citibank N. A.,

**Demand notice issued to the following borrowers under section 13(2) of the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002**

No.5, First Floor, Ranga Towers, M.G. Road, Bangalore.

You, below mentioned borrowers have committed default of repayment of loans amount mentioned below along with further interest at the agreed rate from mentioned date till date of repayment.
The Bank had issued notice* under the Act on calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount.The notice which was sent to you by Regd. Post has been returned unserved.
You are hereby called upon to pay the amount together interest at the agreed rates from mentioned date, till date of repayment within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This notice issued is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

1. **Name of the Borrowers : Mr. Ashish Kumar,** H.No.304, Spring Fields, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore - 560 034 (Mailing & Permanent address) **Mr. Ashish Kumar,** 1B, Ecospace Bellandur Outer Ring Road, Bangalore - 560 103. (Office Address), **Mrs. Mohini Gupta,** H.No.304, Spring Fields, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore - 560 034 (Co Borrower Address) **Mr. Ashish Kumar,** Villa 41, Skylark Arcadia Layout Adj to Sri Sakti Layout Sadaramangala, Kadugodi Post, Bangalore - 560 067.(Property Address).
   **A/c. No. 324889**
   **Loan Amout :Rs.1,20,00,000/-** **Liability : Rs.50,97,851.47**
   **Demand Notice Date :28.07.2020** **NPA Date: 29.02.2020**
   **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property being the residentially converted land with marginal land totally measuring 11 acres 29 guntas in extent comprised in Survey Nos. 22/2, 23/1 and 24/2, situated in Sadaramangala Village, K. R. Puram Holbi, Bangalore East Taluk, bounded on the North by : Private Property, South by : 30 feet Road leading to Main Road and portion of Survey No. 24/2 and Private Properties, East by : Private Properties and Portion of Survey No. 24/2 and West by : Private Property and Portion of Survey No. 24/2, together with all right of ingress and egress, water courses, appurtenants, kharab land, art road, right of way etc.,
   A group housing project under the name and style of Skylark Arcadia consisting of viable separated sites/ plots of various dimension and sizes bearing Nos. 1 to 94 with all internal roads, parks, open space, water bodies common amenities and other allied internal and external services, including water supply system, sewage disposal system in the Schedule A Property.
   **Schedule B:** All that piece and parcel of immovale property being a vacant plot in the said Residential layout skylark Arcadia being developed on the Schedule A property, which plot is now known as and bearing Site No. 41, Sadaramangala Village, K. R. Puram hobli, assessed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, totally measuring 377.76 sqm (4066 sqft.) bounded on the North by : Park (measuring on that side 21.55 mtrs.) South by : Plot bearing No. 40 (measauring on that side 21.55 mtrs) East by : Road (measuring on that side 21.15 mtrs) West by : Private Property ((measauring on that side 22.91 mtrs).
2. **Name of the Borrowers : Mr. Dataram Mishra**, No. 79, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross, MSR Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560 054. (Mailing & Permanent Address), **Mr. Dataram Mishra,** No. 2/2, Embassy Icon Annexe, Infantry Road, Bangalore - 560 001. (Office Address), **Mrs Uma Mishra,** No.79, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross MSR Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560 054, **Mr. Dataram Mishra**, A2 4052 5th Floor, Sobha Dahlia Apts, 4th Block, ORR Bellandur, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037.(Property Address).
   **Account No.** 323485
   **Loan Amout :Rs.59,00,000/-** **Liability : Rs.48,50,124.00**
   **Demand Notice Date :05.08.2020** **NPA Date: 01.05.2020**
   **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:** <u>SCHEDULE - A</u> : All that piece and parcel of composite residentially converted land bearing Sy. No. 97, Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, totally measuring about 15,168.910 square meters (1,63,278.04 sq.ft) from and out of 1,74,240 sq.ft. of land (the properties are presently bearing BBMP Khata Nos.1077/1088/1167/97 & 1096/1107/1186/97) and bounded as follows : East : Sy. No. 95/1 belonging to Chinnappa & 95/2 belonging to Vendor, West : Sy. No. 98/28 belonging to Vendor, North : Sy. No. 101/1 & 101/2, South : By Village Road & thereafter Sy. No. 97/7 belonging to Neelamma & Venkatamma. **Schedule B :** An undivided 0.40% share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property (648.32 sq.ft.) **Schedule C :** A three bedroom Apartment bearing No. A2-4052 in the Fifth Floor in the Apartment building known as "Sobha Dahlia" to be constructed in the Schedule A Property with a built up area of 1473.60 sq.ft. and 248.97 sq.ft. of proportionate share in common areas with one car parking space in the basement.
3. **Name of the Borrowers : Mr. Baskaran Rajendran,** Flat No. 106, F Type 1st Flr Divyahyothi Emeralds Apartment, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore - 560 035. (Mailing Address), **Mr. Baskaran Rajendran,** Sapient Consulting Limited, 137, 6th Flor Vayu Block GR-Tech Park, Whitefield - 560 066 (Office address) **Mrs. M. Monica** Flat No. 106 F Type 1st Flr Divyahyothi Emeralds Apartment, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore - 560 035. (Co- Borrower). **Mr. Baskaran Rajendran,** Apt No. G-0540, TWR-G, Divyasree, Republic of Whitefield, Kundalahalli KR Puram, Bangalore - 560 066. (Property Address).
   **Account No.** 326499
   **Loan Amout :Rs.60,00,000/-** **Liability : Rs.60,01,531.00**
   **Demand Notice Date :28.07.2020** **NPA Date: 31.07.2019**
   **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:**<u>SCHEDULE - A</u> : All that piece and parcel of immovable properties comprised in Survey No.s 49/1 (9.76 guntas) 49/2 (2.22 guntas), 57 (4 acres 26.81 guntas),78P (2 acres 5.25 guntas) and 95 (4 acres 27.46 guntas) in all measuring 11 acres 31.5 guntas, all converted for non-agricultural residential purpose, situated at Kundalahalli Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and forming part of the Larger Property and bounded in common as follows : East : Private Property, West :Remaining lands in the larger property and Private Property, North by : Remaining lands in the larger property and South : Private Property. **Schedule B :** An undivided share, right, title in the Schedule A property measuring 519.23 sq.ft. **Schedule C :** Flat No. G0540, 3 BHK premium flat with 1724 sq.ft. super built up are in Tower G in Block R01 with one convered car park.
4. **Name of the Borrowers : Mr. Sanyaja S Hasthak**, Flat No. 707 Alpine Regency 35, 10-D Main Road, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore - 560 011 (Mailing Address), **Mr. Sanyaja S Hasthak**, Total Environment Imagine No. 78, ITPL Main Road EPIP Zone, Whitefield - 560 066 (Office address) , **Mr. Sanyaja S Hasthak**, F. No. G707, 7th Floor, Alpine Regency Apt. Sapphire Blk, No. 35, 4th Cross, 10 D MN Jayanagar 1 Blk, Bangalore - 560 011. ( Permanent & Property Address).
   **Account No.** 324252
   **Loan Amout :Rs.63,50,000/-** **Liability : Rs.55,66,668.88**
   **Demand Notice Date :28.07.2020** **NPA Date: 31.07.2019**
   **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Schedule A :**All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing New No. 62, 4th Main Road, 1 Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011 in CTS No. 345/3, measuring 9258.98 sq.ft. presently coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bounded on the East by : Private Property, West by : Property of Smt. Geetha Rani, S. R. Ramachandra & S. R. Vijay Kumar, North by : Private Property, South by : Road and Private Property. **Schedule B :** All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing Old No. 7F-707, now bearing New Municipal No. 35/79 and having PID No. 62-124-35/79 situated in 7th Floor of Alpine Regency situated at 1 Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, which is being assessed by Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike having a super built up area of 1336 sq.ft. along with 493 sq.ft. undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule A property which is inclusive of 2 car parking area one covered and one open car parking numbered as 707 location in ground floor.
5. **Name of the Borrowers : Mr. Sanyaja S Hasthak**, Flat No. 707 Alpine Regency 35, 10-D Main Road, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore - 560 011 (Mailing Address), **Mr. Sanyaja S Hasthak**, Total Environment Imagine No. 78, ITPL Main Road EPIP Zone, Whitefield - 560 066 (Office address) , **Mr. Sanyaja S Hasthak**, F. No. G707, 7th Floor, Alpine Regency Apt. Sapphire Blk, No. 35, 4th Cross, 10 D MN Jayanagar 1 Blk, Bangalore - 560 011. (Permanent & Property Address).
   **Account No.** 325726
   **Loan Amout :Rs.10,00,000/-** **Liability : Rs.8,29,126.28**
   **Demand Notice Date :28.07.2020** **NPA Date: 31.11.2019**
   **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Schedule A :**All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing New No. 62, 4th Main Road, 1 Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011 in CTS No. 345/3, measuring 9258.98 sq.ft. presently coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bounded on the East by : Private Property, West by : Property of Smt. Geetha Rani, S. R. Ramachandra & S. R. Vijay Kumar, North by : Private Property, South by : Road and Private Property. **Schedule B :** All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing Old No. 7F-707, now bearing New Municipal No. 35/79 and having PID No. 62-124-35/79 situated in 7th Floor of Alpine Regency situated at 1 Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, which is being assessed by Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike having a super built up area of 1336 sq.ft. along with 493 sq.ft. undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule A property which is inclusive of 2 car parking area one covered and one open car parking numbered as 707 location in ground floor.
6. **Name of the Borrowers : Mr. Shivakumar H.,** D. No. 14, Nidhi 1st A Cross, SVG Nagar, Opp New Citizen School, Near Moodalpalya, Bangalore- 560 072 (Mailing Address), **Mr. Shivakumar H,** Affiliated Computers Sevices Ltd., Explorrer Building ITPL, Bangalore - 560 066 (Office Address). **Mr. Shivakumar H,** No. 19, SVA Nagar, Mudla Palya, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 072. (Permanent Address), **Ms. Kavitha G,** No. 19, SVA Nagar, Mudla Palya, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 072. (Co-Borrower), **Mr. Shivakumar H.,** Site No. 37.New No. 16, Amarajyothi Nagar, 1st Cross, sVG Nagar, Bangalore - 560 072 (Property Address).
   **Account No.** 312901
   **Loan Amout :Rs.8,38,000/-** **Liability : Rs.3,69,760.00**
   **Demand Notice Date :28.07.2020** **NPA Date: 31.03.2019**
   **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:** Property House bearing Municipal number 14 (formed in Survey number 50), 1st A Cross Road, Shanthaveri Gopalgowdanagara, Ward No. 37, Govindrajanagar Ward, BBMP Malagalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North bounded on East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Property bearing number 15 belongs to Shivaramaiah, South by : Private Property. measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet.
7. **Name of the Borrowers : Mr. Uttam Kumar Gogoi** Flat No. RF 802, 8th Floor RF Block, Purva Riviera Apartment, Old Airport Road, Marathalli, Bangalore - 560 037. (Mailing & Proeprty Address), **Mr. Uttam Kumar Gogoi,** RBA 704, Purva Riviera Old Airport Road, Marathalli, Bangalore (Permanent Address), **Mrs. Liza Gogoi** RBA 704, Purva Riviera Old Airport Road, Marathalli, Bangalore (Co Borrower)
   **Account No.** 325516
   **Loan Amout :Rs.68,00,000/-** **Liability : Rs. 64,64,812.61**
   **Demand Notice Date :28.07.2020** **NPA Date: 31.10.2019**
   **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property being lands bearing Survey No. 29, in full and parts of Survey Nos. 23,24,27,28,31 & 32, Munnekolala Village Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 11.80 Acres 32 Guntas and all other appurtenances and bounded as follows: East by : Survey No. 32, 31 and 27 belonging to Spice Garden, West by : Land belonging to Usha Martin Power Company Ltd., North by : Tank in Survey No. 25 and K. G. Chinnappanahlli, South by : Bangalore - Whitefield Main Road, **Schedule B** : An undivided 0.119% share, (Zero point One One Nine percent) share equivalent to 613.32 sq.ft. in the land comprised in the Schedule A Property. **Schedule C** : A three bedroom flat bearing No. 802, on the 8th Floor, in the RF Block of the multi storeyed building known as Purva Riviera constructed in the Schedule A property with a super built up area of 1583 sq.ft. together with one covered car parking space.
8. **Name of the Borrowers : M/s. Seshasaila Cements Pvt Ltd.,** No. 27, 2nd Floor SNS Plaza, Shivananda Circle Bangalore - 560 001.(Mailing & Office Address), **M/s. ENNAR Pvt Ltd.** No. 27, 2nd Floor SNS Plaza, Shivananda Circle Bangalore - 560 001.(Co- Borrower 2 address ), **Mr. Sushil Khemka,** No. 260, 1st Main KEB Layout 3rd Cross, Ashwath Nagar, Sanjyan Nagar, Bangalore - 560 094 (Co- Borrower 1 address ), **Mrs. Chanda Khemka,** No. 260, 1st Main KEB Layout 3rd Cross, Ashwath Nagar, Sanjyan Nagar, Bangalore - 560 094 (Co- Borrower 3 address ),**M/s. Seshasaila Cements Pvt Ltd.,** No. 82-31/2, Thubarahalli Village, Ramagondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560 066. (Property Address)
   **Account No.** 323333
   **Loan Amout :Rs.95,85,719/-** **Liability : Rs. 78,06,829.00**
   **Demand Notice Date :28.07.2020** **NPA Date: 30.04.2019**
   **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Schedule I :** All that piece and parcel of immovable property now known as and bearing Khata No. 82-31/2, situated in Thubarahalli Village, Assessed under the Ramagondanahalli Village Panchayat, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, together with all pathways, easement rights, open space, etc., bounded on the North by : Property bearing Khata No. 81-31/2, measuring on that side 68 ft. South by Property bearing Khata No. 83-31/2, measuring on that side 68 ft, East by : Property of Byrappa, measuring on that side 75 ft 6 inches and West by : Road, measuring on that side 75 ft 6 inches. The total site area of the Schedule Property is 5135 sq.ft. The plinth area of the building is about 300 sq.ft.

**Date : 25.09.2020**
**Place : Bangalore**

**Yours Faithfully,**
**AUTHORISED OFFICER**
**CITIBANK N.A.**

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Sampangiramanagr Branch, Bangalore
(a Government Of India Undertaking)
(Head Office: Bangalore-560002)

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1)

### POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, Sampangiramanagar Branch, Bangalore.** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **03/02/2020** calling upon the borrower **1) Mr. N Asokan** S/o.Natarajan, #296, 5th Main, 2nd Cross, 1st Block, Kormangala, Bangalore-34. **Also** residing at Flat No.107, First Floor, of the residential Apartment known as 'Sri Tirumala Splendor' No.16/1 A, 16/1B Kahata No.159/146/142/82/79/16/1B Rupena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.43,13,584.65/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Four and Sixty Five Paise Only) as on **03/02/2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day of **22nd September of the year 2020.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.43,13,584.65/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Four and Sixty Five Paise Only) as on **03/02/2020** and interest thereon.

**Description of the Immovable Property**

**SCHEDULE-"A":** Item No1: All the part and parcel of the Property bearing Nos.160/1, 160/2, 160/3, 160/4, 160/5 and 160/6. Situated at Rupena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West on the Northern side 21.64 meters or 71 feet and on the Southern side 13.68 meters or 44.9 feet and North to South, on the Eastern side 64.8 Meters or 212.6 feet and on the Western side 81.68 meters or 268 feet, in all measuring 1000 sq meters. And bounded by: East by : Property belonging to Smt.Savithri Bhagwandas and others in katha No.208/195/189/82/79/16/1B, West by: Property in Sy No.16/2A, North by: NH7 (Hosur Road), South by : Property belonging to C Mohammed Afzal in Katha No.158/145/141/81/78/16/A.

**Item No.2:** All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Katha No.82/79/16/1B, (Old No.79/79/16/1B, Situated at Rupena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West, on the Northern side 24.6 feet and on the Southern side 21.3 feet and North to South on the Eastern side 185.6 feet and on the Western side 213.9 feet, in all measuring 4561 sq feet, And bounded by: East by : Property belonging to C Mohammed Hussain in Katha No.159/146/142/82/79/16/B, West by: Property belonging to Smt.Savithri Bhagwandas and Others in Katha No.164/151/147/83/16/A, North by: NH7 (Hosur Road), South by: Property belonging to C Mohammed Hussain in Katha No.159/146/142/82/79/16/B.

**Item No.3:** All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.159/146/142/82/79/16/1B, Formed out of converted land bearing Sy.No.16/1B situated at Rupena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring in all 9828.57 sq feet, And bounded by: East by : Raja Kaluve, West by: Property belonging to Smt.Savithri Bhagwandas and Others in Katha No.208/195/189/82/79/16 and property belonging to Sri.C Mohammed Afzal in Katha. No.158/145/141/81/78/16/A, North by: NH7 (Hosur Road), South by: Road.

**Item No.4:** All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.158/145/141/81/78/16/1A, Formed out of converted land bearing Sy.No.16/1A. situated at Rupena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring in all 6815 sq feet, And bounded by: East by : Property belonging to Sri C Mohammed Hussin in Katha No.158/145/81/78/16/1B, West by: Thoti Inam Land in Sy.No.15, North by: Property belonging to Smt.Savithri Bhagwandas and Others in Katha No.208/195/189/82/79/16/1B, South by: Road.

**Composite Schedule Property:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing present Bruhath Bangalore Mahangara Palike Katha No.158/145/141/81/78/16/1A. 16/1B, in all measuring 31968 sq feet, situated at Rupena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. And bounded on: East by : Raja Kaluve, West by: Private Property, North by: NH7, South by: Road.

**SCHEDULE –"B" :** 383 sq feet of undivided right, title and interest in the Composite Schedule Property, Comprising Proportionate Right, title and interest in common areas.

**SCHEDULE –"C" :** Residential Flat No.107, in "First Floor', of the Residential Apartment knows as "SRI TIRUMALA SPLENDOR", consisting of 3 bedroom with living, Dining and Kitchen, Bathroom and Toilets, Total Super Build up area of 1917 Sq Feet, with One Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement/Stilt Floor, with 383 Sq Feet of Undivided share of interest in the Schedule "A" property.

**Date : 22.09.2020**
**Place : Bengaluru**

**Sd/-Authorized Officer**
**Canara Bank**

## CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Limited (CFM-ARC)

**Registered Office : A/3, 5th Floor, Safal Profitaire. Near Prahlad Nagar Gardens, Ahmedabad-380015**
**Corporate Office : 1st Floor, Wakefield House, Sprott Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400 038. Ph : 022 - 40055280 / 40055282**

### <u>POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable property)</u>
### <u>[See rule 8 (1)]</u>

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt Ltd under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **26.11.2019** calling upon the **Borrower Mr. Deepak Ramesh Punjabi and Co-Borrower Mrs. Dimple** to repay jointly or severally the amount mentioned in the notice being a sum of **Rs.32,43,107.25 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Forty Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven and Paisa Twenty Five Only)** as on **25.11.2019** together with further interest @13.30%p.a from **26.11.2019** and costs, charges and expenses incurred, thereon within 60 days from the date receipt of the said notice. The said notice is published in Kannada Prabha and New Indian Express News Papers on **01-01-2020** Date of Publication to be mentioned for borrower and co borrowers by CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt Ltd.

The borrower and its guarantors having failed to repay jointly or severally the amount, notice is hereby given by the Authorised Officer of CFMARC, duly appointed under sub section (12) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act 2002 to the borrower, its guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of rights and powers conferred on him under sub section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest ( Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **23rd day of September 2020.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CFMARC acting as Trustee of CFMARC Trust-4 IndusInd Bank for an amount of **Rs.32,43,107.25 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Forty Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven and Paisa Twenty Five Only)** as on **25.11.2019** together with further contractual rate of interests and costs, charges and expenses incurred, thereon till payment and realization of the entire outstanding dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

<u>**Details of Secured Assets**</u>

<u>**Property of MR. RAMESH VISHANDAS PUNJABI, S/O. MR.V.T PUNJABI & MR. DEEPAK RAMESH PUNJABI, S/O. MR. RAMESH VISHANDAS PUNJABI (Sale Deed Document No: 235 of 2003, dated 17-04-2003)**</u> **Description of Schedule Property :** The residential Apartment bearing No.403, Corporation New No.4/16, situated in Fourth Floor consisting of super built up area of 1070 sq.ft including proportionate share of common areas such as lobbies, lifts, staircase and terrace, in the apartment named as "Meenaxi Apartment" together with 345sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land measuring 9,952sq.ft, portion of corporation Nos.4/1, 4/2 and 4/3 situated at Plain street, Bangalore, Corporation Divn No.59. together with building, fittings and fixtures now standing thereon as per Red color portion marked in the plans attached with original sale deed and being **bounded:** On the East by : Corridor. On the West by : Western Side Set back, On the North by : Northern Side Set back, On the South by : Flat No.402.

Being a portion of multistoried residential flat constructed in and comprised of immovable property bearing corporation Old Nos. 4/1, 4/2 and 4/3 New Nos.4/1-2-3 situated at Plain Street, Bangalore, Divn No.59 and bounded: On the North by : No.4, Plain Street. On the South by : No.3, Plain Street. On the East by : Plain Street and On the West by : Private Property. **And measuring:** On the North : 152 feet 4 inches, On the South : 154 feet 4 inches, On the East : 66 feet 3 inches and On the West : 64 feet 4 inches.

**Date : 23.09.2020**
**Place: Bangalore**

**Authorised Officer**
**For CFM ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PVT LTD**
**(Also acting in its capacity as Trustee of CFMARC Trust-4 IndusInd Bank)**

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**IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS AT NELAMANGALA**
**<u>C. Mis. No. 242 of 2020</u>**

**BETWEEN : SRI. ANJANAMURTHY B. H**
S/o Late P. Hanumantharayappa, Aged about 33 years, R/at Barguru Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. ...**Petitioner**
**AND: TAHSILDAR, Nelamangala Taluk** ...**Respondent**

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed the above petition **Under Section 13(3) of the Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969** for seeking direction to the respondent authorities to issue death certificate of his father's elder brother by name **Rangaiah S/o Late Nanjaiah,** who was died on 01.01.1970 at Barguru Village, Nelamangala Taluk and the Hon'ble Court has posted the above petition to **20.10.2020**, for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said Petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed at **11.00 a.m**. failing which the above said petition will be heard disposed on enquiry. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 25.09.2020.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Chief Ministerial Office, Division & JMFC, Nelamanagala**
**G. KESHAVA MURTHY, Advocate,** #7, 1st Floor, Basavashri Complex, Near Navayuga Toll Plaza, NH-4, Subhashnagara, Nelamangala, B'luru 562123.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**
**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS 1 to 3 VIDE COURT ORDER DATED 23/09/2020**
**WRIT PETITION No. 7714/2020 (GM-CPC)**

SHAH HARILAL BHIKHABHAI AND COMPANY, A REGISTERED PARTNERSHIP FIRM HAVING ITS OFFICE AT POST BOX NO. 7708, M.H. PLAZA, SHOP NO. 1101 1ST FLOOR, 100, MAMULPET, BANGALORE-560053, REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNER RAVINDRA C. SHAH ... **PETITIONER**
(BY SRI/SMT. SUNDARA RAMAN M V, SANJANA RAO, JACOB ALEXANDER, ARJUN SARATHY V, K S PONNAPPA, ROHAN TIGADI, GAWRY COOTAIAH, NEERAJ SASTRY, ADITYA VENUGOPALAN, DHRITI VISHWANATH)

**-VS-**

SRI. B MANI S/O LATE BALARAJ, MAJOR, NO.195, 2ND MAIN, 2ND CROSS, ANANTHARAMAIAH COMPOUND, MYSORE ROAD, BANGALORE 560 026 & OTHERS. ... **RESPONDENTS**

TO, **RESPONDENT NOS. 1 to 3**

1. **SRI. B MANI** S/O LATE BALARAJ, NO. 195, 2ND MAIN, 2ND CROSS, ANANTHARAMAIAH COMPOUND, MYSORE ROAD, BANGALORE 560 026.
2. **SRI. ARUN,** NO. 195, 2ND MAIN, 2ND CROSS, ANANTHARAMAIAH COMPOUND, MYSORE ROAD, BANGALORE 560 026.
3. **SRI. SENDIL KUMAR @ C.K. KUMAR,** NO. 195, 2ND MAIN, 2ND CROSS, ANANTHARAMAIAH COMPOUND, MYSORE ROAD, BANGALORE 560 026.

Whereas, the above mentioned Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 227 of the Constitution of India, praying to:-

i) Set Aside the decree dated 31.05.2018 passed by the XX Addl. Small Cause Judge, Small Causes Court, Bengaluru in S.C.No.678 of 2018 and signed by the Asst. Registrar, Court of Small Causes, Bengaluru vide Annexure-A and consequently direct the XX Addl. Small Cause Judge to put the Petitioner in possession of the property;
ii) Direct Respondent No.5 to conduct an enquiry to ascertain instances wherein the Respondent Nos.1, 2 and 3 have filed fictitious suits and thereafter initiate appropriate action thereby;
iii) Direct Respondent No.4 to forthwith ascertain the whereabouts, addresses and contact details of Respondent Nos.1,2,3 and Mr John Moses and direct the Respondent No.4 secure indemnity bond and surety and from Respondent Nos.1,2,3 and Mr John moses undertaking to appear before the Respondent No.5.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorised by law, to act for you in the above Writ Petition on **27.10.2020** at **10.30 A.M.** in case you intend to contest the Writ Petition. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, on this the 23rd day of September 2020.

By Order of the Court
**[S. VIJAYA KUMARI]**
Assistant Registrar,
High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

My client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from **1) Sri. NAGARAJ** Son of late. Chikkavenkatappa alias Venkatappa Residing at Gudadalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and **2) Sri C.PRAKASH** Son of late Chikkavenkatappa alais Venkatappa residing at No.32, 11th Cross, Kempanna Layout, Cholanayakana Halli R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032 and others who have represented that they are having clear and marketable title over the Schedule Property.

Any persons claiming to have any right or claims or objection, may lodge their objections or claim along with supporting documents with the undersigned within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such objection or claims is received within the prescribed time, my client will proceed to complete the transaction. If any objection and claim is lodged beyond the prescribed period it shall not be reckoned and it shall be deemed that all objections and claims by whomsoever are waived.

### <u>SCHEDULE PROPERTY</u>

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Agricultural Property bearing Sy.No.74/1 (Eastern Portion of Old Sy.No.74) Measuring 09.08 Guntas situated at Hebbala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the:

**EAST BY:** Property belonging to Sathyanarayan and Sanjeevappa
**WEST BY :**Property belonging to Chinamma
**NORTH BY :**Property belonging to Ramakka
**SOUTH BY** : Road

Bangalore
Date: 27-09-2020

**B. Srinivas** Advocate
"SUNDERA RAMA"
No.230, 39th 'C' Cross,
9th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar,
Bangalore-560041 / 9900148162
<u>**srinivasadvocate@gmail.com**</u>

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Sri. Shiva Shankar Reddy C.S S/o Late Cheluvaraj, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No.52, 6th Main, 14th Cross, Wilson Garden, Adugodi, Bangalore-560030 hereby noticed that his mother Late. K.Meenakshi was expired on 09-08-2020 at St.Joseph's Hospital Mysore, My client is the only son to the said Late.K.Meenakshi and Late Cheluvaraj and my client family having several properties in Bangalore and Mysore. Agriculture land bearing Sy.No.39/1 0-20 guntas, Sy.No.45 0-08 guntas, Sy.No.45 0-10 guntas and Sy.No.45 0-20 guntas situated in Siddalingapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk and Mysore District and Sy.No.4/2 0-06 guntas situated in Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District and several residential sites at J.P nagar, residential houses and other properties.

While my clients mother Late.K.Meenakshi was residing at "Meenakshi Farm" situated at Siddalingapura Village, Mysore along with servant one Prashanth (Chandra Reddy), the above said servant has absconded after my client mother death with above properties Several Original Documents, Bank Passbooks, Cheques and other voluble things from there and now the said Prashanth (Chandra Reddy), Kishore and others persons are trying to alienate my clients properties which were purchased from ancestral properties considerations of my clients family and with the above said original documents, other illegal, fake, forged, fabricated documents and identity Cards trying to impersonating as they belongs to my clients family.

The public is hereby inform that except my client no person/s having any manner of right/s, claim/s in respect above mentioned properties or my clients family related properties as my client is the only Legal heir to the Late. Cheluvarj and K Meenakshi, my clients inclined to file criminal complaint against those persons before the appropriate authority about illegal and fraud activities. Hence my client is not responsible for any fraud, cheating, misleading activities caused by above persons.

**KUMARASWAMY C.V,** ADVOCATE
OFFICE NO.276, 1ST FLOOR,
5TH MAIN, 10TH CROSS,
N.R COLONY, BANGALORE-560019.

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

**ARM-1 Branch, No.86, Spencer's Tower, M G Road, Bengaluru - 560001.**
**Ph No. 080 25588642, 25588641, Ext: 530**
**Email: cb2366@canarabank.com**

### SALE NOTICE

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 29/10/2020 (10.00 to 10.30Hrs)**, for recovery of **Rs.12,06,59,549/-** plus further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **(1) M/s YGK INFRA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED Represented by its Director Sri Keshavamurthy G having the unit at No. 61, Sanjeevappa Lane Avenue Road Cross Bangalore 560002, (2) Sri Keshavamurthy G S/o Gangappa (Director & Guarantor) (3) Smt Swetha Nagaraj W/o Sri Keshavamurthy (Director & Guarantor) (4). Sri Gangappa S/o Anjanappa (Guarantor)** all 2 ,3 & 4 reside at Anjanaganga Adarshnagar 1st Cross Belagumba Road Tumkur–572103, **(5) Sri Sathyanarayanappa S/o Seetharamaiah (Guarantor), (6) Sundanamma T G W/o Sathyanarayanappa** both 5 & 6 residing at Seethakallu Urdigere Hobli Tumakuru Taluk–572140, **(7) Sri Appaiah Nagaraj S/o R Appaiah (Guarantor)** residing at No. 61, Sanjeevappa Lane Avenue Road Cross Bangalore – 560002 and **(8) Sri Chikkabyranna S/o Veeranna (Guarantor)** residing at No. 30, Gokul Nilaya 2nd Cross Tumkuru Town Tumkuru – 572102.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, **Canara Bank, ARM Branch I**, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - IFSC CODE CNRB0002366) to the credit of the **account number 2366295000004, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore on or before 27/10/2020 – 05.00PM**:-

| Sl No | Description of the immovable assets: | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Incremental value at Bid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | Residential Land (Anjanadri Nilaya) and Building bearing Municipal No. New 2397/34 (PID No.55-360-2397/34 measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 Ft in all 1200 Sq. Ft situated at 18th Main, 2nd Stage Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru. Bounded by East: Property No 2397/32: West : Road; North: Property No. 2397/33: South : ISRO Property Nos 157 & 158 | ₹ 1,07,10,000/- | ₹ 10,71,000/- | ₹ 1,00,000/- |

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (**www.canarabank.com**) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483532366 during office hours on any working day.

**Date : 25.09.2020**
**Place : Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Canara Bank**

## SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

**#109, Corporate Office, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.**
**Phone No.22956419 / 420 Sale Officer : 8095340265**

### SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank ltd** has brought to sale the below mentioned immovable properties mortgaged to **Sir. M Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd,** in **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"** under the Securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred U/s 13(4) read with (Rules 8 & 9)

**Name of the Borrower : M/s. Raju Enterprises. Prop. Sri. Raju S N.** S/o.Sonnappa **Guarantor :** Smt. Sujathamma W/o. Sri.S N Raju, Smt. Ramya H R D/o. Sri.S N Raju Sri.Rakesh Raj S/o. Sri.S N Raju, all Residing at #12, 7th Cross, Jayanagar, Tekal Road, Kolar- 563101.

All the piece and parcel of the Intermediate land in block No.4 (Sketch No./19080312796240001) Sy No.3/1, measuring 20 (Twenty Guntas), Carved out of a total area of 1.37 Guntas, Kodiramasandra village, Kasaba Hobli, Kolar Taluk, Kolar District in a duly converted by office of the Deputy Commissioner Kolar from Agricultural Land to Industrial purpose vide order No. ALN SR (KO)/114/16-17 Dt. 09.05.2017 with a building constructed there on and bounded on : East by - Land in Sy No. 3/3, West by - Land in Sy No. 1 & 2, North by - Tamaka village border (Property of S N Raju), South by - Remaining Land in Sy No. 3/1

**Property No. 2 -** All the piece and parcel of vacant site property bearing Old Site No. 28, Old Assessment No.505/37, New Assessment 505/37/A/28/A, CMC Khatha No. 576, New Khatha No.576/A, Ward No 15, Harohalli (After byepass), Kolar Nagara, measuring East To West 15 ft and North to South 60 ft. in all measuring to 900 sq ft and Site No.29, Old Assessment No.505/28, New Assessment 605/38/29, CMC Khatha No. 577, Ward No 15, Harohalli (After byepass), Kolar Nagar, measuring East To West 30 ft and North to South 60 ft. in all measuring to 1800 sq ft belongs to Sri S N Raju and bounded and as follows : East by - Remaining portion of Site No.28, West by - Property belongs to Sri C S Ranganna, North by - Remaining portion of Site No.31 and Site No 30, South by - 20 ft Mud road.

**Property No. 3 -** All the piece and parcel of vacant site property bearing No. 30, Assessment No.505/39/30,Municipal Old Khatha No. 578, New Khatha No.579, measuring East To West 34 feet and North to South – Towards Eastern side 92 feet and towards Western Side 96 feet (34 X (92+96) / 2ft), out of the total site area, sale consideration area is 34X(72 ½ +76 ½ ft)2 ie. 2533 sq ftand Site No.31, Old Assessment No. 505/40, New Assessment No.505/40A/31/A, Municipal Old Khatha No.579, New Khatha No. 579/A Ward No 15, Harohalli, (After Bye pass), Kolar measuring East to West 17 ft and North to South on the eastern side 85 feet and on the Western side 92 feet (17X (65+72)/2 ft) out of the total site area, sale consideration area is 17X(65 ½ +72 ½ )/2 feet i.e. 1173 sq ft, Ward No.15, Harohalli, Kolar Nagara, belongs to Smt Sujathamma and bounded and as follows: East by - Remaining portion of Site No.31, West by - Property belongs to Sri C S Ranganna , North by - National Highway, South by - Remaining portion of Site No.28 & 29.

**Property No. 4 -** All the piece and parcel of the Industrial property bearing Plot No. 10-B, situated in Sy.No.44, situated at Tamaka Industrial Area, Tamaka Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kolar Taluk, Kolar District measuring East to West (18+38)/2 Mtrs and North to South (69+81)/2 Mtrs, totally measuring to 2026 Sq. Mtrs and building threon and bounded on: East by - Private Property, West by - Plot No.10A, North by - Kolar Bethamangala PWD Road, South by - Private Property.

Details of secured debts: **TLEMI/3. Total due Rs.4,64,79,251/-** (Rupees Four Crores Sixty Four Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty One Only) as on **31.08.2018** with further interest + cost.

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| Reserve Price – **Rs. 6,96,60,000/-** | EMD Amount – **Rs. 69,66,000/-** |

**Place of Auction : SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED**
**Corporate Office: #109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.**
**Date & Time : 05.10.2020 Monday at 11.30 A.M.**

**Other Terms and Condition:**

1) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. This amount should be deposited.
2) The property as described shall not be sold below the reserve price.
3) The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount inclusive of EMD immediately on the same day in RTGS / DD to the Bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction, failing which the amount already paid by him/her will be forfeited.
4) The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the Bank without any Prior Notice, If the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.
5) The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee, local taxes and any other statutory dues etc.
6) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.
7) The property sold under AS IS WHERE IS CONDITIONS and terms stipulated under Securitization Act 2002. The authorized officer reserves his right to vary any of the terms and conditions of this notice of sale without prior notice at his discretion.
8) For inspection of the property or any further details the intending bidders may contact undersigned at **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co Operative Bank Limited, No.109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560004 during office hours. Ph No. Sale officer: 8095340265, Senior Manager: 9449599915, Vijayanagar Branch : 080-22956413/080-22956414.**

**Place: Bengaluru**
**Date: 11.09.2020**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

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## INDIA EXTENDS $15 MN TO LANKA TO PROMOTE BUDDHIST TIES

**It announced during a virtual summit between PM Narendra Modi and Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa on Saturday**

### GRANT TO FACILITATE CULTURAL EXCHANGES

The grant will help construct and renovate Buddhist monasteries in Sri Lanka, facilitate archaeological cooperation and reciprocal exposition of the Buddha's relics, a government press release said. Besides, it will also help facilitate cultural exchanges and greater engagement between the Buddhist scholars and clergy in the two countries

### MODI CALLS FOR DEVOLUTION OF POWERS

- During the summit, Modi called for the full implementation of a constitutional provision by the new Sri Lankan government to ensure devolution of powers to the minority Tamil community
- The two leaders also discussed ways to boost maritime security cooperation and strengthen trade and investment ties

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**SUMMIT WAS 1ST MEETING OF THE TWO LEADERS SINCE RAJAPAKSA BECAME PM**


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*Reform in responses, in processes, and in the very character of the UN is the need of the hour* — PM Modi

### INDIAN DELEGATION STORMS OUT AS PAK PM RAISES KASHMIR

Pakistan PM Imran Khan raised the Kahsmir issue in his address to the UN, saying he stands for a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue. First Secretary in India's Mission to the United Nations, Mijito Vinito walked out of the hall while Khan's video message was being played. "The only dispute left in Kashmir relates to the part of Kashmir that is still under illegal occupation of Pakistan," India said in its right to reply statement. P9

PITCH FOR U.N. REFORM

## How long will UN keep India out? Modi calls for reforms

**PUSHKAR BANAKAR** @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday sought a greater role for India's at the UN, asking how long the country of 1.3 billion people will be kept out of the body's decision-making structure.

In his virtual address to the United Nations General Assembly, Modi said, " For how long will India be kept out of the decision-making structures of the United Nations?

"When we were weak, we did not trouble the world. When were strong, we didn't become a burden on the world. Till when do we have to wait?" the prime minister said in his opening remarks.

Seeking an expanded role for India, Modi highlighted that the ideals of UN and India's main principles are similar. "Vasudaiva Kutumbakam has echoed in the UN halls many a time," the Prime Minister said.

Modi also made a strong push for UN reforms and the much-delayed expansion of the powerful Security Council. "Today, people of India are concerned whether this reform-process will ever reach its logical conclusion," he said, adding that every Indian today, while seeing the contribution of India in the world organisation, aspires for India's expanded role in the United Nations.

The Prime Minister lashed out at the world body over its response to the Covid-19 pandemic. "Over the last 8 to 9 months, the whole world has been battling the pandemic of the coronavirus. Where is the United Nations in this joint fight against the pandemic? Where is its effective response?" he asked.

Modi highlighted how India has helped other countries combat the Covid-19 pandemic. More than 150 countries received essential medical supplies from Indian pharma companies, Modi said. The prime minister noted that India's vaccine production has reached phase III and once complete will help the world beat Covid-19.

Speaking about the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, he said it will be a "force-multiplier for world economy"

This year's high-level UN General Assembly is being held in a largely virtual format due to the coronavirus pandemic.

# Mission South imprint in BJP's new central team

Ram Madhav dropped, Tejasvi Surya and CT Ravi from Karnataka find place, Kerala gets two slots in recast, but Tamil Nadu left out

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

THE Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday overhauled its national team of office bearers, making radical changes in how southern states are represented by promoting young leaders such as Tejaswi Surya and dropping veterans like Ram Madhav.

With his new team, BJP chief J P Nadda has signalled his party's search for new growth regions.

National general secretaries, known to be the core of the party's leadership, has seen major changes with Nadda dropping Ram Madhav, Murlidhar Rao and Anil Jain.

According to party sources, Madhav may find a berth in the next Cabinet expansion. And, Muralidhar Rao was dropped because he could not attract the Velama community, which supports the ruling TRS in Telangana.

D Purandareshwari, C T Ravi and Dilip Saikia are the new general secretaries, representing Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Assam, respectively.

D K Aruna's (Telangana) as vice-president is another notable appointment from the South. Aruna joined BJP from the Congress before the Assembly elections in 2019.

Karnataka-based Ravi's appointment is seen as the BJP's continued efforts to gain a strong foothold in Vokkaliga-dominated Old Mysuru region, where the Congress and the JDS have a strong presence. First-time MP Surya is seen as an outspoken young leader who connects with an urban demographic. BJP General Secretary (Organization) B L Santosh's imprint is said to be clear in both these appointments.

Kerala, which did not have any representation earlier, have got two slots in the new team — AP Abdullakutty as vice-president and Tom Vadakkan national spokersperson. Both are from the minority communities. Curiously, both are recent defectors from the Congress. Sources said the central leadership has sent out a clear message to the faction-ridden Kerala BJP.

Odisha has got two national spokespersons with Aparajita Sarangi given the task along with seasoned Sambit Patra.

Team Nadda has strong thrust on Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karntaka, Kerala and Telangana, but Tamil Nadu — which goes to polls next year — is surprisingly left in the cold.

While party sources in Tamil Nadu expressed shock at the decision, as it comes barely a month after Nadda praised the state unit's work, state general secretary Professor R Srinivasan sought to downplay the snub. "The leadership might have thought the work of all leaders in the State is needed for the forthcoming Assembly elections. Maybe in the coming months, the list of office bearers will be revised," he said.

Meanwhile, the team looking after organizational matters has been left untouched, with B L Santosh, V Satish, Saudan Singh and Shivprakash continuing in their respective positions. P9

### *The rejig: Who's in, who's out*

| OLD | NEW |
|---|---|
| **Andhra Pradesh** | |
| GVL Narasimha Rao | D Purandareshwari (Natl Gen-Secy) |
| Ram Madhav | Satya Kumar (Natl Secy) |
| **Telangana** | |
| P Muralidhar Rao | D K Aruna (Natl V-P) |
| | Dr K Laxman (OBC Morcha Natl President) |
| **Karnataka** | |
| *B L Santhosh (Natl Gen-Secy) | Tejasvi Surya (Yuva Morcha Natl President) |
| | C T Ravi (Natl Gen-Secy) |
| | B L Santhosh (Natl Gen-Secy) |
| | Rajiv Chandrashekhar (Natl spokesperson) |
| **Kerala** | |
| Nil | A P Abdullakutty (Natl V-P) |
| | Tom Vadakkan (Natl Spokesperson) |
| **Tamil Nadu** | |
| H Raja (National secretary) | Nil |
| **Odisha** | |
| Baijayant Jay Panda (Natl vice-president) | Baijayant Jay Panda (Natl vice-president) |
| Sambit Patra (Natl spokesperson) | Sambit Patra (Natl spokesperson) |
| Suresh Pujari (Natl secy) | Aparajita Sarangi (Natl spokesperson) |
| | Biseswar Tudu (National secretary) |

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MONSOON SESSION

## Land reforms Bill gets stuck in Council

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

AMID stiff protest, sloganeering and a walk-out by the opposition Congress, the much-debated Karnataka Land Reforms Amendment Bill, which allows non-agriculturalists to buy farm land in the state, was passed in the Assembly on Saturday.

The Bill, however, was debated at length in the Council past midnight on Sunday before the House was finally adjourned at 12.58 am. The combined opposition of the Congress and the JDS, with more numbers than the ruling BJP, was insisting that the government withdraw Bill to protect the interests of farmers.

BJP MLC and party state general secretary N Ravi Kumar said, "We were confident that the Bill would be passed but the Chairman adjourned the House abruptly when the issue was being debated. The conduct of the Chairman raised questions," he said.

Though the Bill can be taken up only when the Council meets next, the ordinance on land reforms will continue to be in force, sources explained.

Earlier on Saturday, Revenue Minister R Ashoka, who steered the amendment Bill in the Assembly amid a scathing attack from the opposition which termed it a 'death knell' for the farm sector, specially the small and marginal farmers, said the provisions of the Act which restricted non- agriculturalists from purchasing agricultural land in the state were used by officers to harass people and were not helping farmers in any way.

The amendment, which has been strongly opposed by farmers' associations across the state, provides for removal of restriction on purchasing agricultural land and on its use for agricultural purposes only.

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Farmers, who are protesting against the passage of the Karnataka Land Reforms Act and the farm Bills in Parliament, being taken into protective custody at Maurya Circle in Bengaluru on Friday | SHRIRAM B N

### What the changes to the law means

- There will be no restriction on non-agriculturists from purchasing agriculture land.
- Land prices may go up, especially around Bengaluru. Seen as an attempt to attract investment by simplifying the process
- Cases booked for violation of the old provisions will now be abated.

**EXPERT'S TAKE**

The changes in the Act are not in the interests of farmers, especially small and marginal farmers, who will end up as migrant workers in cities. People from urban areas, or those who have money, but are not cultivators, will buy land for speculation purposes or for purposes other than agriculture. We are likely to see lesser land being cultivated soon — **Prof RS Deshpande,** former director, Institute for Social and Economic Change

## Govt red-faced as Labour Bill fails to make it through Upper House

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

IN an embarrassment to the ruling dispensation, the Labour Law (amendment) Bill which was passed in the Assembly, was not cleared by the Upper House on Saturday, the last day of the monsoon legislature session. The ordinance replacement Bill, which stressed on increasing the working hours of employees, was passed in the Assembly on Friday. On Saturday, when it was taken up in the Council, the Congress and JD(S), which together, have more numbers, defeated the bill. While 26 members voted against the bill, only 14 voted for it.

Sources said the Bill will now have to be sent back to the Assembly for ratification. But since the Assembly has been adjourned *sine die*, the government has the option of incorporating the Opposition's demands and putting it to vote again or issue a fresh ordinance. FULL COVERAGE: P6

EXPRESS READ

### Economist Isher Judge Ahluwalia passes away

New Delhi: Economist and Padma Bhushan awardee Isher Judge Ahluwalia died on Saturday after battling brain cancer for nearly a year. She would have turned 75 on October 1. She had wide experience in the fields of economic growth, productivity, industrial and trade policy reforms, and urban planning and development. P12

### Suit seeks ownership of Krishna temple land

Lucknow: A civil suit has been filed in a Mathura court seeking ownership of the entire 13.37 acres of Krishna Janmabhoomi land and removal of the Shahi Idgah Masjid. The suit was filed by the Bhagwan Srikrishna Virajman at Katra Keshav Dev Khewat, through 'next friend' Ranjana Agnihotri and six other devotees. P9

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OF TAXPAYERS FACED TDS MISMATCH ISSUES IN LAST 3 YRS

Mismatch was due to the difference in the amount available in Form 26AS and that claimed by the assessees through their ITR, the CAG said. So, not only that TDS credit was denied to them, but they might have also been subject to harassment | P9

## Akali Dal finally ends 23-year alliance with NDA over agri bills

**HARPREET BAJWA** @ Chandigarh

DAYS after Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Harsimrat Kaur resigned as Union Food Processing Industries minister from the Modi Cabinet in protest against the farm Bills, the party on Saturday pulled out from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), ending its 23-year alliance with the BJP.

The decision was announced by SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal late on Saturday after holding a core committee meeting of the party here. "The highest decision-making body of the Shiromani Akali Dal core committee at its emergency meeting here tonight decided unanimously to pull out of the BJP -led NDA alliance," he announced.

Badal said the Centre's "stubborn refusal" to give statutory legislative guarantees on minimum support price (MSP) and its continued insensitivity to certain issues such as excluding Punjabi as official language in Jammu and Kashmir are behind the move.

SAD is the oldest ally of the BJP, having allied with the then Bharatiya Jana Sangh for the first time during Assembly elections. It joined the saffron party-lead coalition in 1998 and had remained a member since.

The Akalli Dal is the third ally to break away from NDA since the coalition came to power in 2014.

In 2018, the Telugu Desam Party ended its four-year alliance with the BJP over denial of special category status to Andhra Pradesh. Last year, the Shiv Sena walked out of the alliance after the Maharashtra Assembly election as it accused the saffron party of breaking its promise of giving equal division of power to it.

Sukhbir Singh Badal said his party will continue to stand by its core principles of peace and communal harmony and of guarding the interests of Punjab. He added the decision has been taken after deep deliberations with party workers, farmers, traders, and other poor sections of society.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh termed the Akali Dal's decision to quit the NDA as nothing more than a desperate case of political compulsion. "SAD had no choice since the BJP accused it of failing to convince farmers about the 'good aspects' farm bills,"he added.

**8,811** New positive cases

**86** New deaths

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8,503 Total Deaths

4,55,719 Total recoveries

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## Lawyer files plaint against Kangana over Tweet

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Tumakuru

BOLLYWOOD actress Kangana Ranaut, who has courted controversies lately over the drug abuse case and her remarks equating Mumbai to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, now finds herself in the middle another row over the protests by farmers who are opposing the farm bills.

Advocate-turned-farmer Ramesh Naik L, who was practising in the Karnataka High Court, has lodged a private complaint against Kangana Ranaut at the Tumakuru JMFC court on Friday over her tweet targeting farmers.

Ramesh hails from Kadaranahalli tanda here. "I am also a farmer and I am pained by her remarks equating farmers to terrorists. Hence, I lodged the complaint," he said.

The actress, had on September 21, tweeted from the Twitter handle @KanganaTeam saying, "People who spread misinformation and rumours about CAA that caused riots are the same people who are now spreading misinformations about Farmers bill and causing terror in the nation, they are terrorists. You very well know what I said but simply like to spread misinformation (sic)".

Ramesh claimed that the local police did not accept his complaint and hence, he moved the court. He has sought action against the actress for criminal offences punishable under various IPC sections.

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Students of Jakkali government school pay obeisance to Mahatma Gandhi before their daily prayer| EXPRESS

# GANDHI GRAM

## This village in Gadag district worships Bapu, follows his path

**Jakkali's residents are fond of Bapu. We celebrate his birthday like Diwali. The sudden death of the Father of the Nation came as a shock to the people of India, and even our elders observed his cremation here in the village. Today, villagers of all ages worship Gandhi like God, and offer flowers and formal puja to his idol every day**

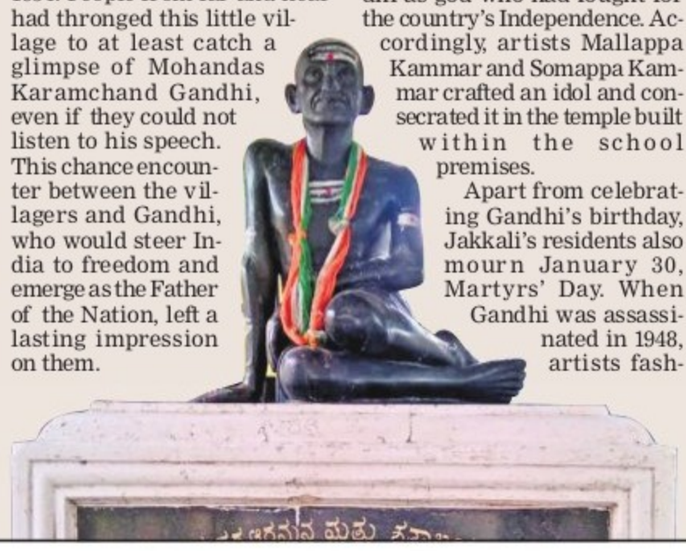
— Shanmukappa Kamma

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

A temple for Gandhi. That is how much Jakkali villagers revere the Mahatma. They literally worship him and his principles. And no wonder this village in Gadag district is known as Gandhi Gram.

The villagers worship Gandhi not only on October 2, his birth anniversary, but the whole year. The Gandhi temple, located in the government school premises, sees many devotees offering puja on a daily basis. And the schoolchildren pay obeisance to Gandhi before their daily prayer.

Jakkali fondly remembers the day when the Mahatma visited the village. It was March 3, 1934. People from far and near had thronged this little village to at least catch a glimpse of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, even if they could not listen to his speech. This chance encounter between the villagers and Gandhi, who would steer India to freedom and emerge as the Father of the Nation, left a lasting impression on them.



Each year, this village awaits October 2 with eagerness. Villagers offer flowers to Gandhi's statue, while children participate in singing and speech competitions surrounding his life. This year, as schools are closed, they plan a symbolic function where two students from each class wearing masks, will celebrate the Mahatma and his teachings.

It's fascinating to learn Jakkali's tryst with this icon.

It's interesting to note that after Independence, many newborns in Jakkali were named after Gandhi as a sign of respect. Many others also started wearing dhotis made by charkha.

In 1970, the villagers adopted a practice of worshipping Gandhi as god who had fought for the country's Independence. Accordingly, artists Mallappa Kammar and Somappa Kammar crafted an idol and consecrated it in the temple built within the school premises.

Apart from celebrating Gandhi's birthday, Jakkali's residents also mourn January 30, Martyrs' Day. When Gandhi was assassinated in 1948, artists fashioned a sandalwood statue and cremated it, an even attended by the entire village. A villager, Venkanagouda Kenchanagoudar, observed 'mouna vrata', a vow of silence for six months, on learning of Gandhi's passing. Many undertook vows to wear only khadi, and to sacrifice footwear and eating sweets forever.

"Jakkali's residents are fond of Bapu. We celebrate his birthday like Diwali. The sudden death of the Father of the Nation came as a shock to the people of India, and even our elders observed his cremation here in the village. Today, villagers of all ages worship Gandhi like god, and offer flowers and formal puja to his idol every day," octogenarian Shanmukappa Kammar says.

"Gandhi's visit had much impact on the village. Many villagers changed their lifestyle. Bapu is not only a name, but a strength and inspiration to all of us. When Gandhi visited us in 1934, someone from Maranabasari village made a garland of the flowers from an arka plant and offered it to him, which he accepted happily. In our village, many people follow Gandhian principles," reflects Ravindranath Doddameti, a writer and poet.

"India lives in her seven hundred thousand villages," Gandhi had once declared. But this humble village in Karnataka is where the halo of the Mahatma continues to live and guide.

# Youth behind a different 'network', closes digital gap

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THIS remote village wanted to log into the internet. But thought it would remain a dream. A youth stepped in. The net result: Students can happily attend online classes now.

The woes began thus: An instruction from a private school where Abhishek Naik is a 7th standard student from Wailwada, has rendered his parents helpless. They were told to ensure that their son attended online classes compulsorily. The parents who have tried their best to ensure that their son did not come in contact with Covid-19 by making him safe at home had a bigger worry now. The worry was the internet connection for their village as it is an isolated patch with not even a proper mobile phone signal. They had come to their relatives' house close to Karwar to ensure their ward attended the classes.

The story of Prithvi Naik, another student, is similar. She has to go to a distant place from her remote village to attend classes. The nearest point where they can get internet easily is 3 km away -- Bodjug village-- which stands on the main road connecting Karwar and Goa.

But now their troubles are over as they are able to access the internet from the house of Sagar Naik, who has not only got the first internet connection from a private player, but has also made his password available to all the students in the village.

Sagar Naik, a final year student at Girijabai Sail Institute of Technology, near Majali in Karwar taluk, was moved after he found that the students here were struggling to study. The schools were closed due to the pandemic lockdown. "I wanted the students here to study without interruption. Therefore, I decided to allow them to use the net from my house free of cost," he says.

Students of all ages — right from primary school to engineering colleges — come to his house to utilize the internet and study.

The digital divide between the urban and rural areas being so wide, getting an internet connection in a rural area, particularly a place like Wialwada was not an easy task. "There is no infrastructure to provide internet connectivity between Siddar village and Devarmakki. There is a river between. Wailwada is a tiny village with hardly 100 houses. We have to draw long cable lines almost up to 1km. We paid for the cable to ensure network connection. Now we are the only house with an internet connection," says Sanath Naik, Sagar's father, who works with Wailwada gram panchayat.

He says he is happy that his son has understood the difficulty of students and has come forward to help them. "By sharing his net, he has shown that he cares for them," he adds.

Sagar has inspired many seniors in the village. They have now appealed to the Gram Panchayat and the district administration to ensure internet facility in the village.

Satwik Naik, a second standard student from Bengaluru, has come to Wailwada, his hometown, where his uncle stays now. He was sent there by his parents to protect him from Covid- 19. Soon after the lockdown was extended, his parents were wondering how to make him attend online classes. He is today one of the beneficiaries of Sagar's internet.

Sagar Naik, a final-year student at Girijabai Sail Institute of Technology, got internet connection at his house in Wialwada, a remote village in Karwar taluk, and made it available to students

**I wanted the students here to study without interruption. Therefore, I decided to allow them to use the net from my house free of cost**

— Sagar Naik

**I am proud of this youth. I appreciate his effort in helping the students. I hope many more people will come forward to render such services.**

— Mohammed Roshan, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Uttara Kannada

A student accesses the internet for online studies in the house of Sagar Naik | EXPRESS

# 2,186 candidates to appear for CLAT on September 28

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THE Consortium of National Law Universities (NLUs) will conduct the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) across the country on September 28. As many as 2,186 candidates will write the exam across 18 centres in the State. Bengaluru will have six centres and about 1,300 candidates from the city will give the exam. Covid-positive students will not be allowed to write the examination, said officials.

The Karnataka coordinator for the examination has written to the Chief Secretary and law minister to ensure the safety of all candidates writing the exam in the wake of the Karnataka Bandh to be be held on Monday.

The consortium of NLUs has set October 15 as the deadline for admissions. Thousands of aspirants will write the CLAT exam which is also a qualifier for those who want to pursue law at NLSIU.

candidates across 18 centres in state **2,186** | **1,300** candidates across 6 centres in city

### SSLC supplementary exams postponed

Bengaluru: Following the call for protests by various organisations on Monday, the SSLC Board has decided to postpone the supplementary examinations for science, political science and Karnatak and Hindustani music. The examination will be held on Tuesday. Bangalore University, too, has postponed its undergraduate examinations. Vice-Chancellor K R Venugopal said that the examination, which was scheduled for Friday, will be held on October 6, and the one scheduled for Monday will be held on October 4. The post graduate examinations will begin from October 5, instead of September 29. **ENS**

REMEMBERING A LEGEND

Fans of the late SP Balasubrahmanyam at a candlelight vigil in Cubbon Park, Bengaluru, on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

# Bold step forward in Indian education not possible: Nobelist Amartya Sen

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A bold step forward on Indian education is simply not there and it is a big lacuna, said Nobel laureate Amartya Sen.

He was talking on the New Education Policy 2020 at a discussion hosted by Pratichi Trust on Saturday.

Countries which were ambitious about development understood the point of efficiency (of education) and its relation to public schooling, he said.

The need for a network for public schools was recognised by 18th century Europe, then Japan, Korea, Taiwan and later on China, he added.

Anitha Rampal, educationist, questioned "what children will be pushed to which vocation as vocation remains tied to caste."

She also cautioned on centralizing of education that the policy envisages as the Centre would decide the curriculum.

Dr Ganesh Devy, founder of Adivasi Academy, pointed to a para of the policy where it explains what the orientation is — 'ancient eternal'. "This is a phrase used to translate the word Sanathan... where teachers are at the centre ... and the policy does not give prominence to the culture of questioning," he said.

**The need for a network for public schools was recognised by 18th century Europe, then Japan, Korea, Taiwan and later on China**

Amartya Sen, Nobel laureate

# Docs extract 25 lts water from girl's body

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DOCTORS of a city hospital removed 25 litres of water from the body of a 12-year-old girl on Saturday. The girl, a native of Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh, had a kidney problem and her family didn't know.

The doctors worked hard for five consecutive days to remove the water from her body. Since the girl was given immunization, there was no infection.

The girl's stomach was swollen as a result of the water filling her body. At the time she was admitted to Rainbow Children's Hospital in Marathahalli, her weight was 65 kg.

The doctors who examined her knew it was nephrotic syndrome. Leakage of protein content may have impaired the renal health. The girl was excreting very little urine. Thus the majority of the element was stored in the body. High levels of protein in the urine result in the swelling of the abdomen. Normally oxygen levels should be around 95 per cent, the doctors explained.

The girl's body was filled with too much water – in the lungs and stomach. Her parents did not notice the changes in their daughter's body.

"Lack of awareness is the culmination of many such cases. The first symptom of this problem is eye swelling. But it is ignored. Weight gain in a very short time requires immediate consultation with a kidney specialist," said Dr Shaumil Gaur from the hospital.

Considering her age, the girl should have weighed between 38 and 40 kg. But she was overweight, Dr Shaumil said. Her parents had initially taken her to the local doctor. But there was no solution to the problem. When the girl's condition worsened, she was brought to Bengaluru.

Urinary problems are not abnormal in children. About 400 children with similar symptoms are currently being treated, Dr Gaur added.

EXPRESS READ

### HC notice to Centre over EIA exemption for highway expansion

Bengaluru: The Karnataka HC issued a notice to the Union government based on a PIL questioning the exemption granted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for expansion of national highways without conducting an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA). A division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi issued a notice to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the National Highway Authority of India. **ENS**

### Lt General pays homage to army service animals

Bengaluru: Lieutenant General Basant Kumar Repswal, Commandant of Army Service Corps (ASC) Centre College, paid homage to animals and handlers who lost their lives on the battlefield to mark Animal Transport Remembrance Day, on Saturday. The lieutenant general placed a wreath on the Animal War Memorial in the Equestrian Training Area of the college in Bengaluru. **ENS**

Lieutenant General Basant Kumar Repswal places a wreath at the Animal War Memorial at the ASC Centre and College in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

# October may see surge in Covid cases

## Health experts call for stringent measures to tackle spread during the festive season

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WITH the festive season round the corner, the Covid-19 cases are likely to shoot up as there will be limited scope to ensure social distancing and keeping protocols in place, warn health experts. The recent Ganapathi festival was a hint towards this direction.

Experts state that the peak has not yet set in the state, the trend is now that the outer areas of the city and state have been reporting more cases. They said that with the 10-day Dasara festivities falling in October, stringent regulations should be enforced.

While the spike in cases in the outlying areas is a cause for concern, BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said, "After the reduction in the containment zones norms, it has become easy for people to go out and they have not been following social distancing. People in the Central Business District are compliant but outlying areas like Mahadevapura and Rajarajeshwari Nagar zone are a big issue."

Already Bengaluru Urban has started to report 4,000 plus cases. Dr Giridhar R Babu, Head of Lifecourse Epidemiology at the Public Health Foundation of India, stated, "Earlier, we were seeing cases in a few zones, but now all the zones are reporting a high number. This shows that the pandemic has reached outer areas too. However, we were seeing 3,000 plus cases per day for long. And now it's 4,000 cases and going by the trend, these many cases will be reported for another week and then hit the 5,000 mark. But with the festivals coming up, stringent regulations should be brought into force before it is too late."

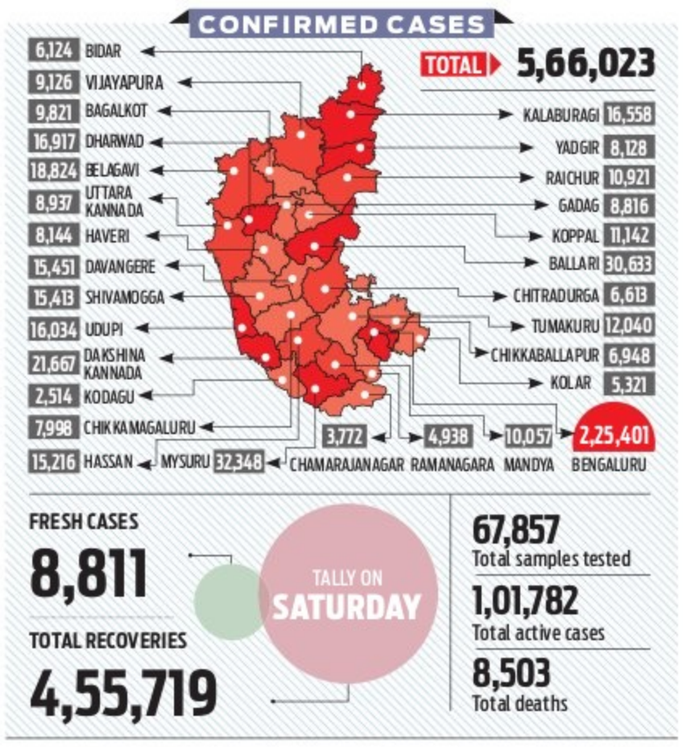
Health staffers at a fever clinic take stock of the number of swab samples collected, in Bengaluru on Friday | MEGHANA SASTRY

The state is in the second position as far as active cases are concerned at 98,474, while Maharashtra is at the top with 2,72,775 cases. In the overall numbers, Karnataka stands at the fourth position. "During the festival, cases are said to increase. Not following the protocol will be an open invitation for the virus and people are bound to contract Covid-19," said Munish Moudgil, Incharge of the State War Room.

Moudgil added, "Cases might increase for another reason -- more testing. But if social norms are followed, the cases may come down."

Dr C N Manjunath, Chairman of Expert Committee, said, "A rise in the cases in Bengaluru can even be attributed to the increased testing. Now with the festival season coming up, we have observed that many people are not wearing masks. The state government should lay down strict measures in advance so that cases do not go up."

Speaking about the measures BBMP will take, Randeep D, Special Commissioner, Solid Waste Management and Incharge of Public Health, said, "BBMP has been issuing circulars before festivals. Now with the festive season fast approaching, all the junior health inspectors and Marshals will be on their toes to ensure strict enforcement. The ward nodal officers have been asked to make sure that there are no social gatherings."




COVID WATCH

### IISc's RT-PCR kit gives test results in 1.5 hours

A startup based at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has developed a Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) diagnostic kit, which takes about an hour-and-a-half to confirm the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in samples. The kit named 'GlobalTM diagnostic kit' has been developed by Utpal Tatu, professor in the Department of Biochemistry, IISc, and founder of the startup Equine Biotech. The test kit has received the ICMR's approval for use in authorised Covid-19 diagnostic labs. ENS

### 668 prisoners tested +ve, 585 recovered: State

Of the 14,677 prisoners in the 47 prisons across the state, 668 prisoners have tested positive for Covid-19, the state government informed the Karnataka High Court. In a statement of objections placed before a division bench, the state further stated that 585 out of 668 prisoners have recovered from Covid after getting treated at designated hospitals or Covid Care Centres, and have returned to their respective prisons. A total of 320 prisoners are lodged at the central prison in Bengaluru alone, the state said. ENS

### Government reduces Covid testing rates

The State Government has reduced the price of Covid-19 sample testing. The government has set the price of testing samples being sent to private laboratories from government laboratories at Rs 1,200 per test. It has also set the price of testing of samples in private laboratories as Rs 1,600 per test. ENS

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## The bet is on cases in Gadag

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WHEN the government is sweating it out to contain the Covid-19 pandemic, gamblers in Gadag are betting on daily coronavirus numbers. They place bets on the likely new Covid cases for the day.

It has been only a switch from one gambling avenue to another. Earlier, matka or open-close gambling was running uninterrupted in Gadag, Gajendragad, Ron and Naragund towns. Once the police started cracking down on the racket, the betting network has moved to Covid numbers.

Now, daily wage workers, small businessmen and even students have joined the rush. The middlemen and some regular bettors are active on social media platforms and they share numbers after the state bulletin is released. Over the next half-an-hour, the winners are announced, and they get the returns.

A businessman, on condition of anonymity, said, "It is a big secret. A bettor doubles his money if he wins. If he places a Rs 500 bet saying Gadag will record less than 80 Covid cases on Saturday and if the cases are indeed below that number, the winner gets Rs 1,000. Middlemen too make good money."

# K'TAKA'S RECOVERY RATE UP AT 80.8%

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WHILE a spike in the Covid-19 cases has been a cause of concern, the cheering news is that the state has done well in the recovery rate.

The state's total discharges as on Friday are 4,55,719 and the recovery rate is 80.81 per cent. It had fallen to 35.29 per cent on July 20. Karnataka is No. 4 in total discharges, with Maharashtra topping the list at 9,92,806 discharges, followed by Andhra Pradesh with 5,97,294 and Tamil Nadu 5,19,448.

Many districts in the state which were recording less than 60 per cent recovery rate are now showing a healthy 75-80 per cent. In July, Mysuru's recovery rate was 33.5 per cent, while as on September 25, it has shot up to 80.8 per cent. In Ballari, the recovery rate was 44 per cent and now it is 84.2 per cent; in Dakshina Kannada it is up from 36.4 to 74.3 per cent and Bengaluru Urban from 23.8 per cent to 79.0 per cent.

The health professionals attributed the rise to the patients reporting symptoms at an early stage. "In the beginning, as people were scared, they would not come forward for testing until the symptoms aggravated. But now they come at an early stage. Many who are asymptomatic are also testing themselves as a precautionary measure. And as we have more asymptomatic cases, their recovery is faster which leads to an increase in discharges and hence a better recovery rate," said Dr C Nagraj, Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute Of Chest Diseases.

He added, "Another aspect we have observed is that with no more sealing down of houses and sticking posters, people no longer fear social stigma and are taking the tests."

Dr Nagaraj said that as the treatment protocols have changed, they now have many medicines added like Remdesivir, which are helping in recovery.

He said that according to the new revised discharge policy issued on August 11, there was no repeat test required for asymptomatic people and they can be discharged after 10 days. It is the same for those with mild and moderate cases, provided they have no symptoms before discharge, he added.

Dr Nagraj added, "As the home isolation option is available, many are opting for it and even recovering."

HEALTHY SIGNS

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| JULY 5 | 41.94% |
| JULY 20 | 35.29% |
| JULY 31 | 40.11% |
| AUG 5 | 49.30% |
| AUG 20 | 66.30% |
| AUG 31 | 72.85% |
| SEPT 5 | 72.78% |
| SEPT 20 | 79.58% |
| SEPT 25 | 80.81% |

### TB SCREENING FOR ILI, SARI TOO

The Union Government has recommended that the State starts bi-directional tuberculosis Covid-19 screening and TB screening for ILI and SARI patients to prevent morbidities due to the disease.

# Worst yet to come: BBMP chief

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WITH no vaccine in sight yet and cases rising, wearing a mask is the only way to protect yourself from Covid-19, said Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad.

To reduce positivity and fatality rates, citizens welfare groups will now have to work with the Palike in fighting the disease.

Prasad said the positivity rate at present is 12 per cent, which needs to come down to five per cent. Fatality rate, which is at 1.33 per cent, should be brought down to less than one per cent. "Aggressive testing needs to happen, and so, citizens welfare groups must come forward to help the BBMP in identifying and bringing people to testing centres," he said.

At a virtual meeting with ward-level nodal officers and resident welfare associations on Saturday, the commissioner said that the worst spike in cases is yet come. "Experts say this is because lockdown restrictions have been lifted and people are on the move. Till a vaccine is found, the only solution is wearing a mask. It has been decided to give handheld devices to marshals and the police to penalise those not wearing masks. The government is also working on increasing the penalty for not wearing masks from Rs 200 to Rs 1,000," he said.

Dr Giridhar Babu, professor and head Lifecourse Epidemiology, Public Health Foundation of India, said, "Bengaluru hasn't seen its highest case surge yet. RWAs and influential citizens must take the lead in helping out the BBMP. Thinking that the worst is over is wrong - this is just the beginning."

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Our client Ms. Shabrin Khanam have lost the original sale deed dated:19.10.2011, registered document No.BMH-1-06248-2011-12, stored in CD No. BMHD518 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bommanahalli, in respect of residential site bearing No.36, katha No.17, Present BBMP Katha SlNo.894, Property No.17/36, Situated at Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as North by Road, South by House Site No.7, East by Site No.37 and West by Site No.35, North by Site No.53 & 54 and South by Road, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in total 1200 Sq.ft. Our client has also lodged a police complaint on 18.09.2020 before the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police.

General public are hereby informed that if the above mentioned original sale deed is found anywhere, has to be returned to the address herein below mentioned.

**M N Leelaraju**, Advocates,
Supreme Law Associates,
'GV Complex', No.1668/A,
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**NOTICE**

To: **Sri Krishnappa**
S/o Late Channappa, Nagashettyhalli,
Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North
**Sir,**

This is to inform you that my clients Sri. Thimmegowda, Sri. Narayana, Smt. Venkamma @ Venkatamma, Smt Shanthamma, Smt Kanthamma and Smt. Laxmamma, all are residents of Nagashettyhalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, have hereby revokes, annuals, withdrawn and cancel the General Power Attorney dated 06-01-1997 executed by them in your favour. Henceforth, you are not entitled to act or represent my clients, in respect properties mentioned in the schedule mentioned therein. In spite of it, if you deals with the said properties, you doing so at your own risk and cost and same will not binds on my clients in any manner and such person will not get any right through said alleged transaction Though my clients got issued a legal notice, revoking the General Power Attorney dated 06-01-1997, the said notice return unserved. Hence, this notice by way of paper publication Sd/-

**[B.P.Mahendra] Advocate**,
H.S.R.Layout, Parangeipalya,
Bangalore

Date : 26.09.2020
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**Authorised Officer**
**For CFM ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PVT LTD**
**(Also acting in its capacity as Trustee of CFMARC Trust-4 IndusInd Bank)**

Date : 23.09.2020
Place: Bangalore

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Client **Sri. H. Suresh** S/o Hanumanthappa, aged about 48 years, R/at No.42, 1st Main Road, Chikkabommasandra, GKVK Post, Bangalore 560065, I issue this notice as hereunder:

1. My client had executed Registered General Power of Attorney (GPA) dated 17.08.2019 registered as document No.BNG(U)YLNK/215/2019-20 before the sub-registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore in favour of Sri. Byre Gowda. B, S/o Byra Hanumaiah, Aged 44 years, R/at No.1325, behind Rockline Studio, HMT Layout, Nagasandra, Bangalore 560073 with respect notice schedule property.
2. My client for the purpose cancelling the above said GPA, had issued legal notices dated 04.09.2020 and 14.09.2020 to Sri. Byre Gowda B to come forward and to execute the cancellation of GPA dated 17.08.2019. The notices issued have been returned with postal Shara as addressee left. Therefore, through this public notice my client cancels the said General Power of Attorney, absolutely and completely and revoke all power or authority thereby and there under given to him.

If any person deals with the said Sri. Byre Gowda B, with respect to the property mentioned in this notice will be deemed as invalid and not binding upon my client.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

The site bearing **Sy No.23/3, measuring 33 guntas out of 1 acre 6 guntas, situated at Atturu Village, Yelahnaka Hobli, Yelahnaka Taluk, Bangalore District** and bounded on **East by:** Land belonging to Shankar & Mohan, **West by:** Kere Angala, **North by:** Land belonging to Pilla Munishamappa, **South by:** Land belonging to Munivenkatappa & Ramesh.

**V. R. BALARAJ, Advocate,**
No.23/1, 1st Floor, J A Building, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore 560 020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Client **Sri. Maruthi** S/o Late Sri. Rangappa, aged 48 years, R/o Veerasagara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, I issue this notice as hereunder:

1. My client had executed two registered General Power of Attorney (GPA) dated 12.09.2019 registered as document No.HSR-4-00018/2019-2020 and HSR-4-00019/2019-20 before the sub-registrar, Gandinagar (Hesaraghatta), Bangalore in favour of Sri. Ramalinga S/o Late Sri. Lingaiah, aged about 48 years, R/at No.380, LIG, 14th 'B' Cross, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore 560064 in respect of the schedule properties.
2. My client for the purpose cancelling the above said GPA, had issued 2 legal notices both dated 16.09.2020 to Sri. Ramalinga to come forward and to execute the cancellation of both GPA's dated 12.09.2019. The notices issued have been duly served to Sri. Ramalinga. Therefore, as a precaution through this public notice my client cancels the both General Power of Attorney, absolutely and completely and revoke all power or authority thereby and there under given to him.

If any persons deals with the said Sri. Ramalinga, with respect to the properties mentioned in this notice will be deemed as invalid and not binding upon my client.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES:** Property bearing **Sy No.23/4, measuring 09 guntas of Atturu Village, Yelahnaka Hobli, Yelahnaka Taluk, Bangalore District** and bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Kere Angala, **North by:** Land in Sy No.23/3, **South by:** Private Property.

Property bearing **Sy No.23/3, measuring 13 guntas of Atturu Village, Yelahnaka Hobli, Yelahnaka Taluk, Bangalore District** and bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Kere Angala, **North by:** Land in Sy No.23/3, **South by:** Land in Sy No.23/4.

**V. R. BALARAJ, Advocate,**
No.23/1, 1st Floor, J A Building, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore 560 020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that my client/s have negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Smt. YASHODHA BAI. S**, Aged about 74 Years, W/o. Sri.E.N.Raju Rao, Residing at No.184, Arundhathi Nagar, Sun City Main Road, Kengeri Upanagara, Bengaluru-560 060, based on their representations that she is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property the same being herself acquired property, she having acquired the same by virtue of the Hakku Pathra dated 25.05.2005, under the Ashraya Scheme issued by Government of Karnataka under the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation Limited and that she has not entered into any manner of transactions in respect of the Schedule Property and that it is free from all manner of Liens, Charges, Court litigations, minor claims or any manner of encumbrances.

Any person/s claiming any manner of right, title or interest in the Schedule Property shall lodge their claim in writing with supporting documents within **15 days**, after the publication of this notice, to the undersigned, failing which, my clients shall proceed with the transaction to acquire the Schedule Property from the aforesaid owner and subsequent claims would be entertained.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immovable Property bearing **House Site No.184,** Now assigned New BBMP Katha No.2790/171/172/1/172/2/184, Formed in Sy Nos.171, 172/1, 172/2, Situated at Arundatinagara, Kengeri Upanagara, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now falling within the folds of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.159, Bengaluru and measuring East to West: 30 (Thirty) Feet and North to South: 20 (Twenty) Feet, in all measuring about 600 Square Feet, together with ACC sheet roofed building constructed thereon, with all civil amenities and bounded on the:

**East by** : Site No.185; **West by** : Road;
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**VELLANKI RAVI, Advocate**
No. 321, 1st Floor, C.M.H. Road, Indiranagar,
Bangalore- 560 038. Tel: 98441 21658 (Mobile)
**Bangalore, Dated: 26.09.2020**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General Public are hereby informed that my client **Mrs. P. J. LALITHA KUMARI ,** W/o. Late Mr.P.S.N.Murthy, Aged about 61 years, Presently Residing at Villa No.33, IST Phase, Confident Billatrix, Exide Junction, Attibele Sarjapura Road, Bangalore- 562 125, is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property she having acquired the same by virtue of **(a) Registered Sale Deed dated 03.12.2003, Registered on 04.12.2003, Registered as Document No.BNG(U)BLR(S)/17430/2003-04, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.122, Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore South Taluk & (b) Registered Exchange Deed dated 09.08.2006, Registered as Document No.BAS-1-12356/2006-07, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.BASD263, dated 10.08.2006, Registered in the office of the Head Quarter Sub Registrar Bangalore South Taluk** for valuable sale consideration from its earlier owners.

My client informs me that recently on 17.09.2020 when she had gone to take some Xerox/Photo copying of the said original documents near Exide Junction, Attibele Sarjapura Road, Bangalore she had **lost/misplaced** the entire file containing the aforesaid original Sale Deed, Exchange Deed, BBMP Khatha Certificate, Encumbrances Certificates and Tax Paid Receipts misplaced/lost in transit and my client has lodged a Police Complaint to the said effect before the Attibele Police Station on 19.09.2020, hence if any person/s finds the Original Documents, they may be kindly handed over to the above named person or to the under mentioned and the finders will be duly rewarded.

The General Public is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with any strangers or person/s in respect of the subject property, without prior intimation to my client, if done so they will be doing so at their own risk and consequences.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immovable Property being Vacant **Residential Site No.C-32, Formed out of Converted Survey No.23/3 and Portion of Survey No.23/4, Situated at Belur Nagasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Formerly Bangalore South Taluk), Now falling within the folds of BBMP, Bangalore** and measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet totally measuring 1500 Square Feet and bounded on the

**East by :** Site No.C-09; **West by :** 30 Feet Road;
**North by :** Site No.C-31; **South by :** Site No.C-33.

**VELLANKI RAVI, Advocate**
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**davp19125/11/0005/2021**

On Saturday, the Central Crime Branch sleuths grilled noted fashion designer Ramesh Dembla in the drug case after his name had allegedly cropped up during the interrogation of Sandalwood actors Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjjanaa Galrani

# CONG'S NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION DEFEATED

## Chief Minister says he will resign if BDA scam charges are proved, dares Oppositon party to approach any probe agency

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE no-confidence motion moved by opposition Congress against the BJP government was defeated by a 'voice vote' in the Assembly, even as the debate turned ugly with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Opposition leader Siddaramaiah indulging in a heated, personal duel.

Hitting out at Siddaramaiah, the CM said he will resign if charges levelled by the Congress leader are proved. He said it is Siddaramaiah's responsibility to prove the charges and he can go to the CBI, Lokayukta or the high court. "If the charges are proved, I will resign immediately," Yediyurappa said, irked by Siddaramaiah's allegations against his son B Y Vijayendra. This came after several protests, walkouts and sloganeering over passing of Land Reforms and APMC bills earlier in the day. As many as 37 bills were passed in the session that started on September 21.

Members of the House on the last day of the monsoon session, at Vidhana Soudha on Saturday | EXPRESS

Initiating the debate, Siddaramaiah accused the State Government of failing to handle violence and arson at DJ Halli in Bengaluru, drug racket and poaching of opposition MLAs to form the government. When Siddaramaiah referred to a sting operation by a private TV channel involving Vijayendra, the BJP members, including ministers, pounced on the former CM.

Law Minister J C Madhu Swamy said the alleged irregularities in the Bengaluru Development Authority project that Siddaramaiah was referring to happened in 2017 when K J George was the BDA minister. "It happened during your government, why are you blaming Yediyurappa? Why are you putting your sins on us," he asked.

Even as heated exchanges were flying between BJP and Congress members, Yediyurappa who was sitting calm raised his voice. "Ninna thale kettide (You have gone nuts)," he told Siddaramiah, who too hit back with the same sentence. "Let there be an inquiry. If charges are proved, I will retire from politics. If wrong, you will take political retirement," the CM said.

Siddaramaih said let there be an impartial inquiry that will decide who should resign. "You cannot shut my mouth. I am not scared. Do not teach me a lesson. I am an advocate," Siddaramaiah said. Referring to the alleged conversation between Vijayendra and the private news channel reporter, Siddaramiah said he has a recording of the sting operation.

Yediyurappa said, "The scam happened during your time, and I can't be linked to it. I will challenge you to go talk about this in (Sira) bypolls and show me if you can win. For the next 10 years, BJP will rule and Congress will be in opposition. We will win 135 seats in the next assembly elections," he said. He pointed out that the BJP won 25 of the 28 Lok Sabha seats. "We won 12 out of 15 seats in the by-elections. You say people have lost trust in us, then how can they make us win," he asked.

Law Minister JC Madhu Swamy at the Assembly on Saturday | EXPRESS

## APMC Bill passed in Assembly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) amendment Act was passed amid ruckus in the Assembly on Saturday. The Congress and the JDS members opposed the amendment and walked out of the House. With this, farmers can now choose to sell their produce in the APMC yards or to private firms directly.

Opposition Leader Siddaramiah said the State Government is not bringing the amendment on its own, but on the directive of the Union Government. Farmers might get good money for five years, but it will have an adverse impact on them later as all the APMCs will be closed, he feared.

Janata Dal (Secular) members too walked out of the House along with the Congress. Cooperatives Minister ST Somashekar said farmers will not face any problems as they can either sell their produce in AMPC yards or directly to private parties.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

## CONG TO HOLD AICC PREZ POLLS: BYRE GOWDA

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

Former state agriculture and RDPR minister Krishna Byre Gowda has been appointed to the Central Election Authority of the Congress, a national position he has occupied for the first time.

**You moved a no-confidence motion, but are not pushing for a division.**
On Friday, we said we will not press for a division on humanitarian grounds, because many MLAs are unwell and cannot come to the House. Division means forcing them to come and that would be wrong. We have made the point we needed to make.

**You have been appointed to the AICC Central Election Authority. How will you make a difference?**
Over 50 per cent of the reconstituted body has new faces. Sonia Gandhi is working to bring a full-time president and CEA is responsible for conducting elections. We will meet in the first week of October and I assume we will go for AICC president election. We will conduct polls across the country.

**You have said that the state should not borrow as it increases the debt burden.**
In the budget, the state government had proposed to borrow Rs 46,000 crore this year and now it wants additional Rs 33,000-44,000 crore, adding up to about Rs 90,000 crore. We are not getting around Rs 30,000 crore, which was our rightful share. Because of this, we have to borrow and this loan will reduce funds for development and welfare schemes. This is fiscal irresponsibility.

**The Congress has also referred to agri sector reforms in its manifesto. What is your response to the party's agitation?**
The Congress understands that reforms are necessary. This is not a reform, but a complete handing over of the sector to private players. Farmers are apprehensive that large private conglomerates will dominate the agri-market. The government is rushing ahead without understanding the full consequences.

**Revenue Minister R Ashoka said the Congress when in power, amended Section 79A related to agriculture. What is your response?**
We decided only to increase the non-agricultural income from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 25 lakh when I was agriculture minister. The BJP protested then, saying it will be the "death of land reforms and will finish off Karnataka farmers". We never allowed non-farmers to buy agriculture land.

> On Friday, we said we will not press for a division on humanitarian grounds, because many MLAs are unwell and cannot come to the House
> Krishna Byre Gowda, RDPR minister

## IT IS NOT HARD FOR BJP TO GROW NOW: RAVI

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

C T Ravi, who is Minister for Tourism, Youth Empowerment and Kannada and Culture, has been elevated as BJP National General Secretary. He talks about his elevation and other issues.

**You have been given the position of party general secretary. What are your plans?**
I was a secretary of a hobli in Chikkamagaluru district in 1988 and today, I'm the party National General Secretary. I have come up from the lowest rungs by putting up posters and flags and making microphone announcements. Now, they have given me this responsibility. I am here because of my experience and the direction of elders.

> I have come up from the lowest rungs by putting up posters and flags and making microphone announcements. Now, they have given me this responsibility
> C T Ravi, BJP National General Secretary

**How will you manage the challenge of Hindi, especially in UP, Bihar, Rajasthan and MP?**
I have the ability to communicate in Hindi. I may not be able to address a gathering in fluent Hindi, but I'm willing to learn.

**How do you increase the BJP footprint in other southern states and in North East, where the BJP is traditionally seen as weak?**
Any party needs five essentials — 1. Organisation 2. Leadership 3. Circumstances 4. Management and 5. Resources. I will try to build them wherever necessary. Remember, as a BJP member, I have helped build the party from ground up. There was a time when Jan Sangh and its ideals were unknown, and today we are more robust and we are in power in many states. We have an internationally acclaimed leader like PM Narendra Modi and it is not difficult to grow now.

**You are the first person from Chikkamagaluru district to occupy this position, which was held by giants like Ananth Kumar. How do you expect to fill into his shoes?**
We have had giants like Jagannath Rao Joshi and Ananth Kumar. I do not have their tremendous abilities and skills, but I'm willing to learn.

**You are one of the first persons from Old Mysuru region to be BJP national General Secretary. How will you help the party increase its footprint in the area?**
In Old Mysuru, we are strong in Shivamogga and Chikkamgaluru and in other places like Mysuru, we have a significant presence. Even in Mandya, we have an MP and in KR Pet, an MLA. In Chikkaballapur and Tumakuru, we are number two. In Ramanagara we have to grow and we are willing to do that.

CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa arrives at Vidhana Soudha ahead of the Assembly session, on Saturday | EXPRESS

## Amendment to land rules will end harassment of farmers, buyers: Min

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IN the amendment Bill, Sections 79 A (prohibition on acquisition of land by certain persons), 79 B (prohibition of holding agricultural land by certain persons), 79 C (penalty for failure to furnish declaration) and Section 80 (bar on transfers to non-agriculturists) have been repealed.

However, the government made a minor change and decided that it will not go ahead with its earlier proposal to double the ceiling on land holdings from 10 units per family of five to 20 units, and a maximum of 40 units for a family having more than five members.

Citing the debates on the land reforms in the Assembly, Ashoka said several senior Congress leaders too had demanded repealing such provisions. In fact, a cabinet subcommittee, constituted in 2014 (when Siddaramaiah was the CM), had recommended the changes in the Act, he pointed out. The minister was responding to the opposition Congress, which had termed the government as 'anti-farmer'.

Ashoka said that in the last 45 years, 83,171 cases of contention have been filed and the restrictions on buying land were used to harass farmers and those purchasing land. The amendment will put an end to such harassment and the process of land purchase will be smoother. All those cases will be abated as the Act has been brought with retrospective effect.

The minister also argued that the changes to the Act will help increase the area under cultivation and raise food production, help bring modern technology to the farm sector and also boost export of agri products from the state. The Bill was introduced to replace the ordinance promulgated in July this year.

During the debate, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said the government is fully committed to protecting the interests of farmers. "I will fully assure you that not even an acre of small farmers' land and that allotted to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe farmers will be allowed to be transferred," he said.

The amendment makes it clear that "no restrictions laid down in this Act shall be relaxed in respect of land granted under the Karnataka Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands) Act, 1978 (Karnataka Act 2 of 1979)." It also makes it clear that "A-Class irrigated land shall be sold only for agriculture purposes, while the limit on income of the person purchasing the agriculture land has been done away with.

The Congress, however, was not convinced with the government's reasoning. "This has been done with the only intention of helping corporates and housing societies," said Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and termed it as "irregularities worth crores." The former CM, who spoke at length about the changes, said it will have far-reaching implications on the agriculture sector.

Janata Dal (Secular) members did not join the Congress in the protest or walkout. Former CM H D Kumaraswamy said the provisions in the Act that are now repealed were used to harass him by filing a politically motivated case. JDS president and former PM H D Deve Gowda, however, had strongly opposed the amendment and had even taken part in the protest. On Monday, farmers' associations have called for statewide bandh against the amendments.

VIRUS SETBACK

# *Incomplete infrastructure works most visible sign of coronavirus pain*

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

INFRASTRUCTURE projects across the state got a big jolt after Covid-19 broke out and the government slapped lockdown to contain the virus spread. While the reduced revenues to the exchequer put major development works in a bind, mass exodus of labourers and liquidity issues faced by contractors and vendors only made matters worse.

During his recent visit to Almatti Dam, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said, "Though we are reeling under financial difficulties, we will ensure that no development works are hindered. We will take loans to continue works across the state."

The stakeholders hope that the government's plans to borrow Rs 33,000 crore will put at least ongoing infrastructure projects back on track, if not take up new ones. The government will likely divert a major portion of the borrowed funds to infrastructure projects as they would generate more jobs for the poor, sources said.

In Belagavi, several works worth hundreds of crores under the Smart City Project have been held up as labourers migrated to their hometowns during the lockdown. The administration till June-July had spent Rs 218 crore of the Rs 396 crore released, said project Managing Director Shashidhar Kurer.

In Mangaluru, however, Smart City projects have not been affected despite Covid, said Mohammed Nazeer, MD, MSCL.

In Dharwad district, six-laning of Hubballi-Haveri NH-4 at Rs 1,200 crore, four-laning of Hubballi-Gadag NH-63 at Rs 13 crore and a half-ring road in Hubballi city at Rs 260 crore, expected to be completed by the end of financial year 2019-20, are hanging fire.

R K Mathad, executive engineer, NH Division, PWD, said that first the lockdown and then heavy rains delayed works. As materials were unavailable during the lockdown, the road projects got delayed, and they will now be completed by December, he said.

In other parts of North Karnataka, the government is trying to expedite several irrigation projects. The state government has been exerting pressure on the Centre to clear Upper Krishna, Kalasa-Banduri and other major irrigation projects. The state government hopes to get the permission within the next few months, sources said.

Principal Secretary Kapil Mohan said that the pandemic had slowed down the works, but the reopening of economic activities has put the pace back on most projects. The government will clear contractors' bills in phases, he added.

The government is also exploring public private partnerships to revive projects.

In Bengaluru, works on white topping of major roads, especially the Outer Ring Road, have been affected. The much-hyped TenderSure projects too have been hit badly, BBMP officials said.

The already-delayed eight-laning of Okalipuram Junction has not resumed yet. A senior BBMP engineer said, "Projects have been delayed by three months and the contractor has been given a three-month extension. Some roads that were scheduled to be completed by December will not be done as contractors have said works will start only after Deepavali when labourers return. Only 10-15 per cent of labourers have returned and only 25 per cent of civil works have been done so far."

COVIDONOMICS PART-7

### Several other projects across B'luru affected

1 Suburban Rail: The 148.17-km project is the biggest to be hit by the pandemic. Just when it was expected to be cleared, the first lockdown was declared. "The Centre's priorities have changed, and the focus is now on fighting the pandemic. The project is unlikely to be cleared anytime soon," a senior railway official said,

2 Baiyappanahalli Third Coaching Terminal: Expected to be launched in March, it is now set to be commissioned only by November.

3 KIA halt station: It was heading for a launch in October when Covid struck. The station on the Yelahanka-Chikaballapur Line, expected to be completed by December 2019, will now be ready a year down the line.

4 Cauvery Water Supply V Stage: The Rs 5,500 crore project is picking up pace after the slowdown from April to July. "Contracts of Rs 3,000 crore were awarded in February. Men and material mobilisation was to begin, but was stopped by coronavirus," said BWSSB Chairperson N Jayaram.

5 Cantonment suburban terminal: Frequently confused with the suburban rail project, this is a separate Rs 37.94 crore project which comprises a separate terminal only to cater to suburban rail services in Bengaluru. A railway source said, "Even if the main suburban rail project starts construction today, it will take 10 years to be completed."

6 Metro Phase-II: The project was to be fully ready by 2023, but its deadline has now been pushed to 2024. "Nearly 5,000 workers had left, and the project has resumed with the return of some labourers. Trial runs are on and we will open it on November 1," an official said.

7 Airport Metro line: Union Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Puri revealed in the Rajya Sabha last week, "Metro rail projects are cost-intensive which require extensive inter-ministerial consultations and their approval depends on the feasibility of projects and availability of resources. No time limit can be specified for sanction."

(Inputs: Naushad Bijapur, Bosky Khanna, S Lalitha, Arun Kumar Huralimath)

In a first, the Karnataka High Court introduced a web-based appointment system for 'physical filing'. Advocates, litigants and general public can click the link https://recruitmenthck.kar.nic.in/hck/newcounternew/login.php to avail the online facility

SATHANKULAM DEATHS

# CBI FILES CHARGESHEET AGAINST 9 COPS

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NEARLY three months after launching probe into the custodial deaths of P Jayaraj (59) and his son J Beniks (31) in Sathankulam, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a chargesheet against nine police officials.

The agency has named former SHO of Sathankulam police station, S Sridhar, sub-inspectors, K Balakrishnan and P Raghuganesh, head constables, S Murugan and A Samadurai, and constables, M Muthuraja, S Chelladurai, X Thomas Francis and Veyil Muthu. They have been charged with criminal conspiracy, murder, destruction of evidence, levelling false charges and wrongful confinement.

Another sub-inspector, Pauldurai, who was arrested in July and later succumbed to Covid-19, has not been named as an accused. But, the chargesheet details his involvement in the alleged conspiracy.

"A CBI team camped at Madurai and worked untiringly through the pandemic. Investigation revealed that the father-son duo was arrested on June 19, and tortured at the Sathankulam police station by the accused in the evening as well as in the intervening night, consequent to which both of them succumbed to injuries in the intervening night of June 22 and 23," CBI spokesperson RK Gaur said.

CBI took over the custodial deaths case on July 7 after the Centre gave its nod to the agency to probe into the death of Jayaraj and Beniks.

They were picked up on June 19 for questioning by the Sathankulam police for allegedly violating lockdown rules.

This came after the State passed a government order on June 29, in which it decided to accept the request of Director General of Police to transfer the custodial death cases registered in Kovilpatti East Police Station.

# Drug case: ED grills accused in central prison

Agency asks actors, others whether they made money selling drugs; Anushree answers all questions

CCIB personnel with the accused in Belagavi on Friday | EXPRESS

### Ganja worth Rs 2.5 lakh seized in Belagavi

Belagavi: City Crime Investigation Bureau (CCIB) sleuths raided a place near the wholesale fruit market and seized 15.5 kg of ganja worth Rs 2.5 lakh on Friday and arrested three people. The accused Mallappa Siddaram Nippani (45) hails from Mugalkhod village in Raibag taluk, while Monappa Mallappa Waad (35) and Vishwaraj Hanymanth Bainar (26) are residents of Aalur village in Kalaburagi district. Acting on a tip off, police raided the place and seized the ganja.

### Drugs worth Rs 24 L seized, one from Maha held

Belagavi: District Crime Information Bureau (DCIB) personnel arrested a drug peddler and seized 120 kg of ganja worth Rs 24 lakh from him recently. The accused, Ashfaq Mainuddin Mulla, is a resident of Miraj in Maharashtra. Wasim Shaikh of Miraj, who has been already arrested in a case, spilled the beans about Mulla, leading to his arrest. Acting on the information, the police hatched a plan and apprehended the accused near a pump house on the outskirts of Mhaisal village near Miraj. Apart from ganja worth Rs 24 lakh, a car and a motorbike, all worth Rs 28.5 lakh were seized from him. Mulla had procured ganja from Warangal and Hyderabad, and was supplying it people in Sangli in Maharashtra, Belagavi and Dharwad in Karnataka. Now, the police are in search of two others who were supplying ganja to Mulla. Under the guidance of SP Laxman Nimbaragi, DCIB Police Inspector Ningangouda Patil led team arrested Mulla. ENS

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THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has questioned all the accused in the narcotic drugs case, who have been recently arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985. The accused are currently lodged in judicial custody at the Bengaluru Central Prison.

According to sources, the ED officials have been visiting the Central prison for questioning the accused, including Sandalwood actors Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjjanaa Galrani, on the source and supply of the illicit drugs. "The ED investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 is to verify if they had used drugs to make money and whether money thus earned has been laundered. So far, evidence of money laundering has not emerged in the preliminary investigation," said an official source.

He added that the tracking of the financial trail in illicit drug cases is an intense and laborious process. "It is a complex and organised network, which extends outside the country. Cryptocurrency is being used in the darknet for procuring illicit drugs. It is a huge challenge to track peer-to-peer transactions," he added.

The CCB has arrested around 15 people in the illicit drugs case. The NCB last month had arrested three accused M Anoop, R Ravindran and Anikha D in the NDPS case. Anikha from whose house in Doddagubbi, the NCB had allegedly recovered 270 MDMA pills weighing 111.6 gm, is the alleged main source of information on the drug network in the film and entertainment industry. "She has reportedly married an African national and has been peddling drugs for some time. Whether she was trapped into marriage for drug peddling is subject to investigation," said the officer.

Investigation into several NDPS cases has revealed that women have reportedly been trapped in relationships and even marriage, by drug peddlers, majority of who are foreigners.

Meanwhile, as per sources, Ragini and Sanjjannaa, are likely to be shifted to the women undertrial prisoners ward on Monday.

# Kannada TV host appears before CCB

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KANNADA television host, dancer-turned actor Anushree appeared before the CCB and and Narcotics Police on Saturday in connection with a drug case. She was questioned for over three hours by the police.

A team led by Vinay Gaonkar, DCP (Traffic and Crime) questioned her at the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police at Panambur after she was summoned to appear for an enquiry before September 29.

Speaking to reporters, Anushree said she has answered all questions posed by the police regarding her link with Tarun Raj, who has been named by Kishore Aman Shetty and another accused who were arrested for possessing drugs.

"I was sent a notice to appear before the police today. Tarun was my choreographer for a dance show around 12 years ago. I do not attend parties," she said.

EXPRESS READ

### Worker killed while repairing fuel tank

Bengaluru: A 28-year-old worker died and two were injured after an empty fuel tank exploded while they were repairing a leak, inside a workshop in Electronic City on Saturday. The deceased, Gouri Shankar, hailed from Selam. Venkaresh and Praveen Iyer were injured. They have been living in the workshop for a few years. A case has been filed against the workshop's owner Maharudramurthy. ENS

### Three held for robbing jewellery shopowner

Bengaluru: Jalahalli police arrested three people for committing a robbery in a jewellery shop and fleeing with 1.75kg of ornaments worth Rs 90 lakh. The accused posed as customers and threatened the owner with an air gun to get the ornaments. The accused, Goparam, (28), Jitendar Mali, (31) and Veer Ram, (32), hail from Rajasthan. ENS

# Designer Ramesh Dembla grilled by officials for nine hours

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AFTER the Sandalwood industry, the focus of the police investigation in the narcotic drugs trail is now veering towards the fashion and entertainment industry in the City.

On Saturday, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths grilled noted fashion designer Ramesh Dembla in the drugs case after his name had allegedly cropped up during the interrogation of Sandalwood actors Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjjanaa Galrani, said a senior police officer on condition of anonymity. Ragini and Sanjjanaa have been arrested under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and are presently lodged in judicial custody at the Bengaluru Central Prison.

"Dembla was interrogated and his statement was video recorded. He has hosted several fashion shows in Bengaluru in which some top Bollywood and Sandalwood actors have walked the ramp. He was also seen in several parties along with Ragini, Sanjjanaa and Aditya Alva, who continues to be absconding. Dembla has shared some details about Alva to the police," the officer added.

The CCB has issued a lookout notice for Alva.

Dembla was summoned by the CCB officials at 11 am on Friday to appear on Saturday. He arrived on the dot. The CCB questioned him for nine hours — from 12 noon to 9pm. He gave his statement to the investigating officer. "His mobile phones and digital gadgets are being analysed to get more details on his fashion shows and parties. It is suspected that drugs were supplied to some of the celebrities during the fashion shows," the officer added.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Ramesh Dembla said, "I was shocked when the CCB called me. I have never even tried taking drugs. I am against people consuming drugs and don't encourage anyone. I told them I will share information, if any. I even told the police that Sanjjanaa, Raagini and Aditya are my best friends."

# BREW AND BIODIVERSITY: OVER TO SMALL COFFEE FARMERS

MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

NEW STUDY

SMALL coffee farmers can make a big difference to our environment. A new study done in Hassan, Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru says conservation of Western Ghats' biodiversity depends on these farmers growing the arabica variety in Karnataka.

The study reveals that cultivation of all varieties of arabica coffee encourages tree species diversity which is so necessary for sustaining wildlife and its habitats. However, with 75 per cent of farms being less than 10 hectares, they sustain lesser tree species diversity, so the future of "biodiversity conservation" depends on what the small farmers choose to do on their land.

The study was done across 344 coffee farms in the three districts to assess how wildlife in coffee plantations was sustained with regard to labour scarcity, landholding size and coffee varieties. The evaluation revealed that with larger farm size, increase in canopy density and cultivation of arabica varieties, support a tree species diversity like silver oak, jackfruit, nandi, jamoon, rosewood and honne.

Scientists from Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA), Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS) and Indian School of Business examined farming in coffee plantations that support biodiversity. However, it revealed the fragility of such large farms as they were labour- and pesticide-intensive. The maintenance of trees requires a heavy labour force which makes up 65 per cent of input costs.

Also, with the severe dearth of labour, the small farmers tend to reduce tree canopy and tree diversity. There are several important implications from this study. Due to insufficient labour and rise in market fluctuations, many are converting their farms from Arabica to Robusta as the price difference between the two varieties is almost reaching parity.

Paul Robbins, lead author of the study, said, "As farm labour becomes scarcer and costly, we will need to work creatively with farmers to find ways for them to make wildlife-friendly decisions in turbulent marketss."

Biodiversity is the latest casualty of the pandemic-induced lockdown. Co-author Ashwini Chhatre said, "The current situation makes it harder for coffee planters to hire labour. Our analysis shows the cascading effects will eventually impinge upon the birds and the bees. Economic policy can be used to mitigate the impact through better support for smallholder coffee producers."

CWS Chief Conservation Scientist Krithi K Karanth said, "Our study highlights the key local linkages between economic well-being of people and their livelihoods with long-term impacts for biodiversity."

People pay their last respects to SP Balasubrahmanyam in Thamaraipakkam village, Tiruvallur, on Saturday | ASHWIN PRASATH

# SPB gets a final farewell

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LEGENDARY playback singer and Padma awardee SP Balasubrahmanyam, known as SPB or Balu sir, was laid to rest with police honours on Saturday morning, amid an outpouring of condolences from fans across the world. The singer's son, SP Charan, performed the funeral rites amid Vedic chants by priests. The City Armed Reserve Police Personnel, as a mark of honour, then gave a gun salute and 24 personnel fired three rounds in the air before the body was lowered into a pit at his farmhouse at Tamaraipakkam near Red Hills.

Earlier, the body was briefly brought to his residence in Nungambakkam before being taken to the farmhouse. The body was brought on a bier to the burial spot from an enclosure earmarked for people to pay homage.

SHATTERED DREAMS

# *Kabaddi association faults DK player at the line*

DIVYA CUTINHO@ Mangaluru

IT was a dream come true for this talented kabaddi player from a remote village of Puttur taluk when he was selected for India's probable 28-member squad. But, his hopes have dashed after the Central Kabaddi Association temporarily suspended his selection for training which started on Friday.

**Sachin Prathap** from Paleppady in Ivarnadu village is a student of SDM College and has played over 50 state tournaments. He represented Karnataka in Senior National Kabaddi League held in Jaipur, Rajasthan a few days ago. In the tournament, his team lost in quarter finals, but he was named 'Best Rider' in two matches.

Based on his performance, he was selected for the Pro-Kabaddi league bidding. Trained by Krishnananda, his coach from SDM college, he is the only Karnataka player to be selected for the national probable team. "The first phase of online training, which was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, was completed a few days ago. The National Amateur Association Delhi has responded and said my selection process is on hold temporarily," Sachin told *The New Sunday Express*.

Sources from the District Kabaddi Association have blamed infighting among state kabaddi associations for this decision.

### ZP member reacts

"Sachin is a budding kabaddi player from the state and rural talents like him need to be supported. He had high hopes of playing for the country but it is disappointing to know that his selection process has been put on hold," said ZP member S N Manmatha.

Manmatha said, "This decision could have been justified, had he failed to perform well in training. It is an injustice to a budding sportperson from a rural area," he said

Meanwhile, Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister C T Ravi assured to resolve the issue after holding talks with the National Kabaddi Association after Sachin met Belthangady MLA Harish Poonja in Bengalur.


# CLASSIFIEDS

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We, Arun Kumar Singh, S/o. Mr. Bindu Bahadur Singh, aged about 43 years, & Meenakshi Singh, W/o. Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, aged about 39 years, R/at #316, Adithya Elixir, Sy. No. 17/4, ORR ITPL Bypass, Near Alpine Eco Apartments, Doddanekkundi Extn., Marathahalli, Bangalore-48, Karnataka, India. We have changed our daughters name from **'ISHITA SINGH' to 'ISHITA SINGH RATHOUR'.** Vide affidavit dated 25.09.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Indira.S.S Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, MANJUNATH. L,** S/o. T. G. Lakshman Rao, R/o. No. 6, 'Sri Annapoorneshwari Nilaya, 12th 'A' Main, Near Doddammadevi Temple, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. I have changed my name from **ARUN MANJUNATH** to **MANJUNATH.L.** vide affidavit Dated 25/09/2020 sworn before Notary B. Prasanna, Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **SHIVANEE RAVI,** aged about 19 years, daughter of Mr. R. Ravi Kumar, residing at No.576, 31st Main, 10th Cross, Sector-1, HSR Layout, Bangalore 560102, have effected a change in name on 26th September, 2020, from **Ms. SHIVANEE RAVIKUMAR** to **Ms. SHIVANEE RAVI**, vide affidavit dated 26.09.2020, sworn before the Notary Public, **Mr. B.M.Chandrashekar,** Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
We, Arun Kumar Singh, S/o. Mr. Bindu Bahadur Singh, aged about 43 years, & Meenakshi Singh, W/o. Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, aged about 39 years, R/at #316, Adithya Elixir, Sy. No. 17/4, ORR ITPL Bypass, Near Alpine Eco Apartments, Doddanekkundi Extn., Marathahalli, Bangalore-48, Karnataka, India. We have changed our daughters name from **'NISHTHA SINGH' to 'NISHTHA SINGH RATHOUR'.** Vide affidavit dated 25.09.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Indira.S.S Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) VYBHAVI SHEKAR MENASUKODIGE CHANDRASHEKAR,** Residing at No. 8, 2nd Main, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560070, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) VYBHAVI PRADEEP** vide affidavit Dated 26/09/2020 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **M. VIDYA,** (existing name of self) W/o SQN LDR G Ajith, R/at OMQ No. 425/4, Air Force Station, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-15 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **M VIDYA** and **VIDYA AJITH** are one and the same and pertains to me only, hereafter I shall be known and called as **M VIDYA** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th Sept. 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **I. KANIKHA RAJA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NAVEEN KUMAR DALAM** S/o **Chhajjar Dalam Chand** R/at Flat No.301 APT No.134 3rd Floor FPV APTS 4th Cross 3rd Stage, Vinayaka Layout Bangalore-560040 have changed my name to **NAVEEN KUMAR CHHAJER** vide affidavit dated:26/09/2020 Before Notary M.K.Devaki Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Nagesh** S/o Babu Rao Halle, aged about 37 years, No.371/1, BVB College Road, Brahmpura colony, Bidar, Karnataka-585401, presently residing at No.292, Ward No.22, Shanthi Nagar, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural District-562110. I have changed his name from **Nagesh** to **NAGESH HALLE (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 19.09.2020 sworn before notary Muniswamy T, B.A, LL.B, Anekal Town.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **GOPALAKRISHNAN SHESHADRI** S/o **Sheshadri S R** R/at No.34A 4th Cross 5th Block Venkatagiyappa Layout Doddabommasandra Vidyaranyapura Bengaluru-560097 have changed my name to **GOPALAKRISHNAN** vide affidavit dated:26/09/2020 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Shubha Shukla** D/o Shri Ashok Kumar Shukla, resident of Bengaluru, have changed my name from **'SHUBHA SHUKLA PANDEY'** to **"SHUBHA SHUKLA"** vide Affidavit dated 26.09.2020 before Notary Smt. K.N. Ramadevi, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MEENA KUMARI**, Wife of Subhash Chandra, aged about 32 years, residing at No. 305, Sai Enclave, No. 19/1, Basapura Main Road, Begur, Bangalore - 560 100, have changed my name from **MEENA KUMARI** to **MAHI YADAV.** Vide affidavit dated 22-9-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Anitha Bai, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Shubha Shukla** D/o Shri Ashok Kumar Shukla, resident of Bengaluru, have changed the name of my son **'ISHAAN PANDEY' to "KIAN S SHUKLA"** vide Affidavit dated 26.09.2020 before Notary Smt. K.N. Ramadevi, Bengaluru.

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# UNITED NATIONS AND THE DIVIDED WORLD ORDER

IT is said that nothing quite matches the impact of unintended dark humour for a reality check. This was validated by the line-up of speakers addressing the UN General Assembly on September 22. At around 10 am, US President Donald Trump addressed the UNGA. In his opening salvo, he blamed the pandemic on the 'China virus' and bluntly stated, "The United Nations must hold China accountable." And then as he lauded the peace deal between Israel and the UAE, he claimed, "There is no blood in the sand."

Trump was followed by Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Turkey. He lamented the ineffectiveness of global mechanisms, argued for "effective multilateral institutions" and then went on to urge that the "Syrian-owned and led political process" under the Assad regime be allowed to succeed.

At around 10.30 am, it was the turn of Chinese President Xi Jinping. Predictably, Xi Jinping asserted that "any attempt of politicising the issue or stigmatisation must be rejected". And then in a string of words which left irony gasping for breath, the Chinese President claimed China, "will never seek hegemony, expansion, or sphere of influence."

THE THIRD EYE

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In the run up to the 75th anniversary, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres hoped for a revival of multilateralism through a grand consultation. What the commemoration witnessed instead is a near perfect metaphor, a view of the United Nations @ 75 in a divided world order.

It is true that there has been no world war since 1945. It is equally true that the UN has been less than able in resolving conflicts within the UN to halt those outside. The consequences of unilateral invasion of Iraq by the US and allies in 2003 are yet unravelling. The crisis in Syria is now nine years and six months old. In 2014, Russia annexed Crimea — the very Crimea where the contours of the UN were defined amidst World War II. The war in Yemen, which has wrecked the country, is on since 2015. The list is long.

The US has frequently complained bitterly about 'Gulliverification' of the UN but the charge cuts both ways. The P5 — as the US, the UK, France, Russia and China are known — have used the veto to defeat multilateralism.

The UN has been effete when it matters most – best illustrated by its – and the World Health Organisation's negligence – to the pandemic. The opportunistic use of powers by the Veto Club — for instance, by China against India on issues of terror funding in Pakistan, or Russia on use of chemical weapons in Syria, or by China and Russia on atrocities in Myanmar and Zimbabwe — is the primary cause of unattended tragedies.

The failings of the UN are located in its architecture. Appointments to specialised agencies are subject to gaming and post facto influence — the role of the WHO in the pandemic is a case in point. Power is vested in the composition of the UN Security Council which hasn't changed since five decades. For 15 years, Japan, Germany, Brazil and India have argued for the expansion of the Security Council and a permanent seat in keeping with their stature. But this has been derailed by the P5 to maintain the interests of client states. Indeed, India with a populace of 1.4 billion and a $2.8 trillion economy has the same vote as the Republic of Nauru which has a population of 10,670 and a GDP of $160 million.

Meanwhile, China is using its cheque book and expanding its sphere of influence and hegemony, all tailored to derail rule of law and install its own order across geographies. The creation of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the promotion of BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation were aimed at luring subscription. Since then, pretence has given way to brazen defiance. The Belt and Road Initiative, potentially an environmental disaster in the making, the expansionism in the Himalayas and the South China Sea can only be characterised as imperialism with Chinese characteristics.

The fact is the world needs multilateralism like never before. The need to curb nuclear proliferation, to urgency combat climate change, resilience from pandemics and the imperative of trade and investment demand collaboration and collective intelligence. There are success stories within the UN. The UN Peacekeeping force has rendered yeomen service even in regions where there is no peace settlement. Its institutions — World Bank, International Monetary Fund , International Development Association, IFC, UNESCO — have enabled human and economic development.

The need for the UN or indeed a new UN is indisputable. So is the need for a new order. Dag Hammarskjold, the legendary UN Secretary General, speaking to students at the University of California Berkley in May 1954, said, "It has been said that the United Nations was not created in order to bring us to heaven but in order to save us from hell." That is true. It is also useful to remember the history of the 1815 Congress of Vienna and the 1919 Treaty of Versailles. Frequently the road to hell is paved with lofty intentions.

The sustainability of multilateralism calls for fair and equitable terms of engagement. Recognition and roles must follow rise of nations and attainment. The institution campaigning for a rule based world order must prima facie be based on rules and order not archaic notions.

# SMALL MINDS TRY TO RE-MAKE HISTORY

POINT OF VIEW

**TJS GEORGE**

BY re-writing history, can Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh delete history? What has happened has happened. By omitting facts from textbooks, we will not make them non-facts; we will only make tomorrow's students uninformed. Throughout history and across cultures, those in power have tried to restructure history to suit themselves. Facts were buried in the process, but they remained facts for impartial students to dig up and study. Being narrowly focussed on their self-interests, politicians are always inclined towards re-writing history with the aim of glorifying themselves. The Maharashtra State Education Board removed chapters about Muslim rulers and Mughals from history textbooks last month. Uttar Pradesh is doing the same thing now. A generation of Maharashtrians and Uttar Pradeshians will grow up ignorant of the fact that Mughals ruled India. It will mean nothing to the Mughals. But it will mean illiteracy for those who are taught selective history.

It is strange that hardened ideologues do not see the negative side of this kind of approach to history. Sangeet Som, articulator of a hate-line BJP approach, had no hesitation to say: "History will be rewritten to erase Mughal Emperors from it." Who is he to do so? His boast means nothing because his mind is too small to grasp the significance of things. He was a critic of the Taj Mahal's history, but felt compelled to accept that marvel in marble as a work of art. Beyond the Taj, however, Sangeet Som has a stand that is self-defeating and ignorance-based. "What kind of history are you talking about," he asked. "The same history in which the person who built the Taj Mahal imprisoned his father? Planned to annihilate all Hindus? I guarantee you that this history will be changed. Whether it is Babar, Akbar or Aurangzeb, the government is working to erase them from memory."

No government in the world can erase historical figures from mankind's memory. Unspeakable cruelties became state policy under rulers like Ivan the Terrible, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Idi Amin. But they will never be erased from our memory. A Pope did everything from murder to incest (John XII, 954-964) but he too will remain in history, complete with his criminal record.

The Mughals not only built the Taj Mahal (which Rabindranath Tagore described as "a teardrop of love"), but also set certain standards that did India good. Ashoka and Akbar are rated as the greatest emperors of the past. But it is worth remembering that Ashoka showed his greatness by feeling guilty about killing a hundred thousand people in the battle of Kalinga; remorse led him to embrace Buddhism and become a messiah of peace. Akbar became a messiah of tolerance without a blood-stained Kalinga giving him a guilty conscience. He took Hindu wives but never asked them to convert to Islam. He even prohibited cow slaughter in his empire. His initiative in getting the Mahabharata translated into Persian is legendary.

**No government in the world can erase historical figures from mankind's memory. Unspeakable cruelties became state policy under rulers like Ivan the Terrible, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Idi Amin. But they will never be erased from our memory**

Yogi Adityanath may boast about deleting the Mughal Period from history, but no Mughal, no Akbar, no Shah Jahan will get deleted from history. The only consequence of his attempt will be more people wondering how yogis get into politics. Facts cannot be eliminated even by saffron-clad sanyasins. The sensible course open to authorities like Adityanath is to explain the facts in context. They should teach why Ashoka became Ashoka The Great, why Akbar became Akbar The Great. (And why Yogi Adityanath did not rise to those levels of greatness.)

It became known last month that Iran has been trying to rewrite history. Its 2019 textbook contained a story depicting two little girls and three little boys playing outdoors. The 2020 version of the book had the picture minus the girls. Policy makers also decided that women were not good enough to study maths and physics.

This is all the more ironic because Iran is a country where there is a 50-50 male-female ratio in universities. The dictatorial Shah of Iran had banned the veil. But the 1979 revolution led to the black chador becoming common. Religious training was now added to the national curriculum. In 2019, just last year, Omar Khayyam's name disappeared from several textbooks. That space was given to poems about Iranian martyrs in Syria and Lebanon.

So, does Omar Khayyam cease to exist? When the clouds are cleared, his name will glitter across the sky like Akbar's does in the Indian sky. Re-writing history is the hope of small minds. Fortunately for mankind, small minds perish in their smallness.

# SUBVERSIVE NGOs MEET THEIR RECKONING

POWER & POLITICS

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BLEEDING hearts presupposes bleeding money, especially from invisible pockets. The fact that Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) require both government and private money to survive is an oxymoron. NGOs are meant to be agents of change who serve the marginalised sections of the society. They perform duties which government agencies fail to provide. Social revolutionaries like Vinoba Bhave and Baba Amte provided credibility and respectability to the NGOs they patronised and promoted.

Thousands of volunteers became a force that gave succour to deprived Indians. These were genuine foot soldiers, who abhorred the comfort zones of luxury. An NGO was a mission and not a fashion. Their rural office bearers wore *chappals* and *kurtas*, traveling by the cheapest modes of transport. Their lifestyle was their statement. They measured their achievements in terms of the amount of work completed, rather than the millions that poured into their coffers.

Now, social work is chic. Designer *kurtas* and branded *jholas* are NGO attire. Substantial numbers of them have premium addresses in cosmopolitan cities. They are the purveyors of conscience who have perfected partisan politics to create an alternative architecture for pushing public policy. Business class versus the lower class is the motto of these upmarket NGOs who revel in globetrotting, ranting against India and promoting foreign interests in return for liberal funds. Rustic and low-profile social leaders have been elbowed out by high-profile activists with accent and access. The non-governmental sector is the platinum platform for senior government officials, politicians and glamorous people to boost connectivity and rally against the establishment.

Conventional philanthropy has been replaced with professional compassion. The New Age reformers survive and thrive on the blase attitude of ruling parties at the Centre. However, when they came in direct confrontation with the state by stalling and sabotaging development projects, the establishment began real time surveillance on their activities. It was found that many NGOs were never questioned and made accountable. Some of them were even supporting anti-national elements.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Sangh Parivar have always been uncomfortable with the dominance of foreign-funded NGOs. They see them as an institutionalised vehicle for the conversion, subversion and destruction of Indian culture. Even the Congress, which incubated the NGO culture, had realised their adversarial actions. Last week, Modi decided to tighten their free run. The NDA government amended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act to limit the inflow and use of foreign contributions, prohibiting public servants from holding an office in a NGO and fixing a limit of just 20 per cent of the donations for administrative expenses.

It is not the Modi government which has imposed restrictions on NGOs. The UPA government led by Manmohan Singh had altered the original FCRA in 2010 by inserting a clause to regulate access to foreign money or hospitality for any activity "detrimental to national interest". Under the new provision, "any organisation of a political nature" was banned from accepting foreign funds. FCRA was born during the Emergency in 1976 to ban the use of foreign money in political activities and to prevent foreign interference in domestic politics. The current debate over NGOs giving financial support to anti-NAA and anti-NRC forces has raised questions about the misuse of funds to foment collective communal chaos. Earlier, NGOs were deployed by vested interests for conversions and raising religious edifices. They have been augmenting agitational politics at the cost of public exchequer.

**Taming the NGOs would be a Herculean task for the government. Vocational liberals and their civil society collaborators are up in arms accusing the Centre of stifling dissent and curbing human rights. Expect foreigners in the NGO industry to launch a global tirade against the government**

The growing suspicion about NGOs has less to do with their legitimate semi-political activities and more to do with their alarming growth of both numbers and funds. According to official data, India with over 32 lakh NGOs tops the world list with an NGO for every 500 people. According to a published report, the number of NGOs is 250 times more than the number of healthcare centers and double the number of schools. In 2015, the Supreme Court directed the CBI for a status report about all NGOs operating in India. Since most were managed by powerful and influential personalities in government and politics, they never filed mandatory accounts and reports to the government. It was discovered that many city-based NGOs were used to fund the foreign travel of their office bearers and for higher foreign education of their children. Salaries for domestic and personal help, capital expenditure on luxury cars and housekeeping were paid out of the moolah collected from India and abroad.

During the past few years, NGOs preen under a new global moniker – Think Tanks. A study conducted by Indian intelligence agencies has red-flagged the role of these new self-proclaimed intellectual gyms for exerting undue influence and creatively connections in the establishment. The report reveals that most of these think tanks are either promoted by retired senior civil servants and defence personnel or by corporates. They collect a nominal donation from domestic sources, but their foreign travel and local offices including other facilities are financed by foreign dosh. They organise meetings, symposiums and talks in which powerful lawmakers and officers participate. With the new law coming into force, over 100 MPs, MLAs, members of the judiciary and media personalities will have to snap their connections with think tanks registered under the FCRA.

During the past two decades, natty NGOs have collectively received over ₹2 lakh crore for splurging — twice the annual budget of many states. In the absence of transparency, millions have been either siphoned off or spent on secretive activities. Surprisingly, despite Modi's angst, Indian NGOs collected a record ₹18,000 crore in a single year during the NDA regime. Modi has realised the damaging and incendiary voltage of the non-formal sector. During his first term, the Home Ministry withdrew the registration of over 20,000 NGOs. Many more would be losing their recognition soon as they would be unable to comply with the new laws.

Taming the NGOs would be a Herculean task for the government. Vocational liberals and their civil society collaborators are up in arms accusing the Centre of stifling dissent and curbing human rights. Expect foreigners in the NGO industry to launch a global tirade against the government. But the major casualty of the tainted NGO-for-luxury empire was Indian philanthropy, which created hospitals, old age homes, schools in tribal areas and orphanages. Fashionable, glamorous and anti-India NGOs must be declared a SIN (Subversive Institutional Network) and dealt with accordingly. Or, else the wages of sin will have to be borne by the taxpayer.

**QUOTE CORNER**

First of all, I wanted to show my solidarity with the families of the victims (of the Paris knife attack). I reaffirm our unwavering attachment to freedom of the press, the fight against terrorism, and I want to assure the nation of our full mobilisation

**Jean Castex,** French Prime Minister

Joshua Wong's arrest for wearing a face mask at an unauthorised protest – at a time when wearing a face mask is compulsory in the city – is yet another example of the government's campaign to silence dissent by any means

**Lam Cho Ming,** Amnesty's Hong Kong Programme Manager

Let's meet, let's talk and let's seek a mutually acceptable solution. Let's give diplomacy a chance. If after all we still cannot agree, then we should trust the wisdom of the International Court at The Hague

**Kyriakos Mitsotakis,** Greek Prime Minister

**MAILBAG** WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

### Pace of reforms is slow

This has reference to Analysing The Centre's reforms in Agriculture sector (Sep 26). The opposition to reforms in India is instantaneous, while the pace of reforms is very slow. It needed a Janata Party to come to power in 1977, after a period of 30 years to make India a single food zone. The opposition to the present marketing reforms intended to help farmers is being sabotaged by vested interests, who are thriving in its absence. But as suggested the subject of contract farming can be entrusted to the states, instead of the Centre taking responsibility, in an essentially state subject.

Dharmarajan AK, Thalassery

### Parliamentary scrutiny

Of late, Parliamentary scrutiny of executive decisions is on the back burner as the government is doing everything not to let Parliament discuss important matters inside the House by various means and steam rolling Bills on the strength of its brute majority, ignoring the legitimate concerns of the opposition and failing to take every one along and arriving at a consensus before implementation of key reforms. The government seems to have the mistaken belief that it alone has the wisdom and the opinion of others do not matter. This dangerous approach is not helping the growth of a healthy democracy in any manner and it would be better if this is shunned for the betterment of the country.

V Padmanabhan,Bengaluru

### Amendment of labour laws

This is with reference to "Labour Laws and the Need for Enlightened HRD" (Sep 26). The article enlightens well about the intricacies that would crop up in the labour laws that are being amended to help all stake holders, including employees. Instead of bringing unorganised sector at a par with the organised sector, the new framework will endanger even the rights of those working in the latter in view of hire-and-fire that adds to the misery of labour class. In this regard, 93% of the Indian workforce is in the unorganised sector, who need protection, and facilities being offered in the organised sector is highlighted well in the write up. Even induction of good Human Resources Development advisers play an important role makes it a point to ponder over the issue.

VN Subramanyam, Bengaluru

### Don't ignore farm protests

Protests by farmers against new legislation should not be ignored easily. As part of a nationwide shutdown called by India's leading farmers' organisations, farmers held demonstrations in many states such as Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and blocked highways leading to New Delhi. Protests were also held in the eastern states of Odisha and West Bengal. Farmers' bodies also organised protests in Gujarat. On the other hand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a powerful defence of the three farm-related Bills, dealing with long-pending reforms in the sector. He said that it was the "first time in decades that the Centre government has framed laws that would benefit farmers. In such circumstances, the government should either amend the Bills or convince farmers through open communication addressing them and ensure them that they will not suffer losses due to these Bills in future.

BO Changa, West Bengal

### A cruel decision on the poor

I was shocked when the Food Ministry removed cereals, cooking oils etc from the essential list of food items which are invariably consumed by 99.99% of the people all over the country. No menu could be prepared without all these ingredients. Cereals, cooking oils and such others are directly related with the health of the people and taking them out of the essential commodities purview will enable traders to hoard and sell them at prices as they think fit. This is well-known even to ordinary persons with no expertise in economics. The most retrograde step has to be withdrawn forthwith before compelling the people to fight for their survival on the streets.

S Nagarajan Iyer, Coimbatore

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**TWEETS OF THE DAY**

**Rahul Gandhi** @rahulgandhi
India feels the absence of a PM with the depth of Dr Manmohan Singh. His honesty, decency and dedication are a source of inspiration for us all

**Sanjay Raut** @rautsanjay61
How will elections be held in such atmosphere in Bihar? How will the election campaign and rallies be held? Voting can't be online. You have to stand in queue

**Arjun Ram Meghwal** @arjunrammeghwal
Oppn is trying to stall the farm bills drafted in the interest of country's farmers, because they are worried about the increasing popularity of PM

# India tears apart Pak for lies, warmongering at UN

## Says at UNGA Pak illegally occupying parts of Kashmir, must vacate

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

> The only dispute left in Kashmir relates to the part of Kashmir that is still under illegal occupation of Pakistan. We call upon Pakistan to vacate all those areas that it is in illegal occupation of
>
> India at UNGA

INDIA launched a scathing attack on Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's speech at the United Nations General Assembly hours after he raised the Kashmir issue saying that the union territory is an integral and inalienable part of India.

First Secretary in India's Mission to the United Nations, Mijito Vinito, who had walked out of the hall while Khan's video message was being played, presented India's stand and said, "The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of India. The rules and legislation brought in the Union Territory of J&K are strictly internal affairs of India."

The Pakistan prime minister had said that Islamabad had always wanted a peaceful solution to the issue and to end the problem, India must rescind the measures it had taken on August 5, 2019.

"The only dispute left in Kashmir relates to the part of Kashmir that is still under illegal occupation of Pakistan. We call upon Pakistan to vacate all those areas that it is in illegal occupation of," India said in its right to reply statement.

Hitting out at Khan, Vinito said that the UNGA had heard the incessant rant of someone who had nothing to show for himself and no reasonable suggestion to offer to the world. "Instead, we saw lies, misinformation, warmongering, and malice spread through this Assembly. The words used today at this great Assembly by the leader of Pakistan demean the very essence of the United Nations," he said and added that Khan was the same person who referred to Osama bin Laden as a martyr in his Parliament.

India exercised its Right of Reply after all the country speeches in the high-level debate of the 75th session of UNGA concluded on Friday. That is typically when countries start exercising the right to respond to the statements made by any other country against them.

New Delhi has used its right to reply for the third time in this session, the earlier two also being in response on Kashmir issue.

Continuing his attack on Khan, Vinito said that it was farfetched for a nation like Pakistan, which is deeply buried in medievalism, to understand the tenets of modern civilized society

"The same leader who spewed venom today, admitted in 2019 in public in the US that his country still has about 30,000-40,000 terrorists who have been trained by Pakistan and have fought in Afghanistan and in the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This is the country that has systematically cleansed its minorities including Hindus, Christians, Sikhs and others, through the abuse of its blasphemy laws and through forced religious conversions," he said.

The Indian diplomat said that the only way for Pakistan to become a normal country is to abjure its financial and moral support to terrorism and stop misusing UN platforms to further its nefarious agenda.

# SII boss pegs Covid vaccination cost at ₹80K

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Mumbai

UNDERLINING the challenges before India in the race to mass produce the Covid 19 vaccine, Serum Institute chief Adar Poonawal took to twitter to ask if the Union government would give it ₹80,000 crore to make the vaccine on a mass scale over the next one year

No official statement was issued by the government, including the health ministry, in response till late in the evening.

"Quick question; will the government of India have ₹80,000 crores available, over the next one year? Because that's what @MoHFW_INDIA (Central health ministry) needs, to buy and distribute the vaccine to everyone in India. This is the next concerning the challenge we need to tackle," Poonawalla said, tagging the PMO's official Twitter handle as well. "I ask this question, because we need to plan and guide, vaccine manufacturers both in India and overseas to service the needs of our country in terms of procurement and distribution."

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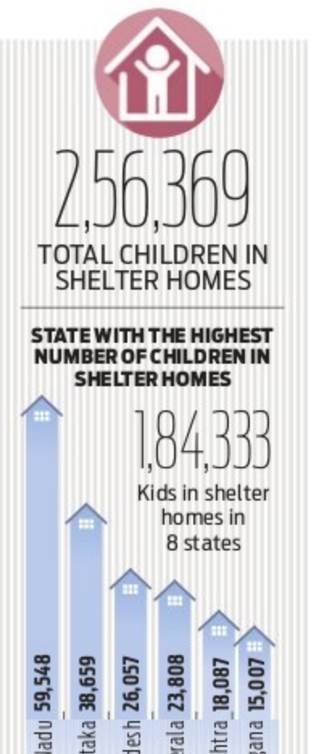
>
> Adar Poonawalla, SII owner

The SII is jointly developing and conducting trial of Oxford vaccine with Oxford University and British pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca. The Pune-based company major has entered the phase three trials of the vaccine.

A health ministry official expressed surprised at Poonawalla's tweet. The SII office refused to elaborate the intention behind Poonwalla sharing this information in the public domain.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TOTAL CHILDREN IN SHELTER HOMES
STATE WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER HOMES
1,84,333
Kids in shelter homes in 8 states
Tamil Nadu 59,548
Karnataka 38,659
Andhra Pradesh 26,057
Kerala 23,808
Maharashtra 18,087
Telangana 15,007
STATES WITH HIGHEST RATIO OF KIDS IN SHELTER HOMES AS COMPARED TO THE POPULATION
Meghalaya 2,235
Mizoram 932

# 70% OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER HOMES ARE FROM 8 STATES

**SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA** @ New Delhi

RAISING alarm that unusually high numbers of children are lodged in shelter homes in 8 states, the apex child rights' body has asked state authorities to repatriate kids to their 'permanent homes.'

During the first ever social audit of child care institutions across the country, commissioned by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), it was found that over 70% of about 2.56 lakh children living in shelter homes are concentrated in just 6 states. These include Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra.

Meghalaya and Mizoram are two states where the number of kids in shelter homes is high when seen as a ratio to the overall population. "This is a very disturbing trend and it suggests that these states are simply not doing enough to either restore children back with their natural homes or find foster or adoptive parents for them," a senior NCPCR official told this newspaper.

In a letter written to all the district magistrates of 8 states that the maximum number of shelter homes and children in need of care and protection placed in these homes 'paints an unsettling picture indicating a pitiable condition of children in these CCIs'.

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>
> NCPCR official

It added that in Maharashtra and two north eastern states, a vast number of children may also have been kept in shelter homes completely 'unnecessarily'. The child rights' body noted that such a vast number of children being deprived of their natural homes and parents is 'a matter of grave concern' adding that the district authorities should find homes for such kids, except for those living in observation homes and specialised adoption agencies.

The letter cited order from a recent Supreme Court order which had said that "there is a dire need to understand that institutionalisation of children in need of protection and care is not the only available option and alternative care in terms of foster care, adoption etc. must be explored, keeping in view the best interest of the child."

The commission has now directed states to get the case analysed by the concerned Child Welfare Committee which is expected to find a suitable home for the kids. In case any child is not repatriated or restored, the Commission has also demanded to know the detailed reasons for the same. It has also asked for the list of those children who could not be repatriated and restored due to 'prevailing abject poverty in the family'.

**NEW TURN**

# Suit filed to reclaim Krishna temple land

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

BARELY a few days ahead of a CBI court in Lucknow pronouncing its verdict in the Babri Masji demolition case, a civil suit has been filed in a Mathura court seeking to reclaim the ownership of the entire 13.37 acres of Krishna Janmabhoomi land and the removal of the Shahi Idgah Masjid.

The suit was filed by Lord Shri Krishna Virajman through next friend Ranjana Agnihotri and six other devotees on Friday. Agnihotri, a Lucknow-based lawyer, had represented the Hindu Mahasabha in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit in various courts, including the Supreme Court.

Despite the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, being in place, the civil suit was filed in the Mathura court. The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, bars courts from entertaining any litigation that would alter the status quo of a religious place as it existed in 1947. The Act had exempted the litigation over the ownership of the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land.

When the Supreme Court in November 2019 had pronounced its verdict for the construction of a Ram temple in Ayodhya, one of the parties was Shri Ram Lalla Virajman, who had filed a civil suit in Ayodhya in 1989 through his best friend Triloki Nath Pandey.

# Docs' body questions Centre's U-turn on code for pharma companies

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

A body of ethical doctors, that includes some of top medical professionals, has expressed disappointment over a recent government disclosure in Parliament that there is no decision to make Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices mandatory.

UCPMP is a voluntary code issued by the Department Of Pharmaceuticals under the Union Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers relating to marketing practices for pharmaceutical companies and as well medical devices industry.

A key feature of the code is that no gifts, pecuniary advantages or benefits in kind may be supplied, offered or promised, to persons qualified to prescribe or supply drugs, by a pharmaceutical company or any of its agents. The code was made voluntary for six months from the beginning of 2016 and was to be reviewed after six months. The Alliance of Doctors for Ethical Healthcare on Saturday said that it has been demanding from time to time that the UCPMP be made mandatory to bring fairness in marketing of the drugs as the industry has failed to comply by the code on a voluntary basis.

"The global experience also shows that voluntary code does not work," the association also said in a statement, pointing out that in 2016, the government had indicated that it would make the code statutory.

But now this U-turn raises suspicion of lack of will on the part of the government to keep its commitment and smells of some unfair deals between the government and the pharma companies, said the alliance.

"It may be pointed out here that the companies spend crores of rupees through associations by sponsoring the medical conferences," it said.

# Price limit for medical oxygen fixed

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ New Delhi

AMID reports of shortage and hoarding of oxygen, a crucial medical supply required to treat a large number of Covid-19 patients, the Centre on Saturday fixed the price caps for liquid medical oxygen for next six months.

As per a notification issued by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, medical oxygen's price has been fixed at ₹15.22 per cubic meter (exclusive of GST) at manufactures' end and its price at fillers' end has been fixed at ₹25.71 per cubic meter, subject to transportation cost fixation at state level. The development comes as the demand of medical oxygen has gone up almost four times, from 750MT per day to 2800 MT in the wake of the pandemic.

"This has caused strain at all levels in the value chain of production and supply," said the government in a statement.

# NCB grills actors Deepika, Sara, Shraddha in drug case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Mumbai

ACTORS Deepika Padukone, Sara Ali Khan and Shradha Kapoor appeared before the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) at Mumbai Port Trust Guest House in Colaba in the drug-related case on Saturday.

While Sara and Shraddha were questioned at the NCB's zonal office at Ballard Estate in South Mumbai, Deepika was grilled at a guest house in south Mumbai.

Deepika, who was confronted with her manager Karishma Prakash, was questioned for five hours in the alleged Bollywood-drug nexus linked to film star Sushant Singh Rajput's death case, an official said. Prakash's WhatsApp chats, including purported conversations about drugs with one 'D', are on the radar of the anti-drugs agency, sources had said.

Shraddha and Sara denied consuming drugs but they reportedly informed that Rajput was consuming the drug during shooting of their films. Sara and Shraddha had worked with Rajput in movies.

There were reports that Deepika's husband and actor Ranveer Singh had asked the NCB if he could also remain present during her interrogation. However, the NCB had on Friday clarified that it did not receive any such request.

Also, DCP (Zone -I) Sangramsingh Nishandar had requested mediapersons not to chase vehicles of actors who are appearing before the NCB, saying it can put their lives as well those of others on the road in danger. If any vehicle is found chasing, it will be seized and stern action will be taken against the driver, he said.

Deepika Padukone at NCB office | PTI

# 82% taxpayers harassed for TDS mismatch: CAG

**KUMAR VIKRAM** @ New Delhi

MORE than 82 per cent of individual taxpayers faced TDS mismatch problems during the last three years resulting in disallowance of refund and the creation of avoidable harassment of taxpayers, the latest CAG report on the Department of Revenue has pointed out.

The apex audit body in its report tabled in Parliament last week also said the actual reasons of the large scale mismatch could not be ascertained because of non-submission of the relevant data by the ministry to the CAG.

While launching a platform called 'Transparent Taxation - Honouring the Honest' in August, PMNarendra Modi had emphasized that the tax system should be seamless, painless and faceless. "During last three years, more than 82 per cent individual taxpayers faced TDS mismatch problem due to the difference in the amount available in Form 26AS and that claimed by the assessees through their ITR, majority being salaried taxpayers," the CAG said.

**MISMATCH ON PAER, HEADACHE FOR PEOPLE**

| Year | No. of PAN (TDS mismatch) | TDS amount claimed | TDS available in Form 26AS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2016-17 | 3,35,082 | 13,117.05 | 11,610.67 |
| 2017-18 | 13,64,575 | 18,675.24 | 16,286.60 |
| 2018-19 | 2,321 | 2.13 | 2.21 |

(TDS in rupees crore)

"Due to such mismatch TDS credit is denied to the assessee despite receipt of the revenue by the ITD or presence of Form 16/16A issued by deductor in support of his claim. This results in disallowance of refunds and also in creation of infructuous demands for tax resulting in avoidable harassment to the taxpayer," the report said.

Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) aims to ensure collection of revenue at the instance of the transaction. TDS collection, which was ₹3.43 lakh crore in FY 2016-17, increased to ₹4.51 lakh crore in FY 2018-19 and now contributes more than 35 per cent to the gross direct taxes collections.

TDS on salary payment is the biggest component of TDS and has been around 43 per cent in the last three years.

The CAG said it could not examine the assessment records of the sample selected as the assessment records were not available with the jurisdictional assessing officers as the same was not provided to them by the CPC-Bengaluru even after two years of the assessment year.

As a result, the reasons for the TDS mismatch, status of their resolution, the mode of the resolution, as well as correctness and completeness of information shared by the I-T department could not be ascertained in the audit. "The inability of the department to furnish relevant information to complete the audit has prevented the CAG from fulfilling constitutional mandate," it said.

"It needs to be ascertained in how many cases the department raised demand from taxpayers because of mismatch, as such causing harassment to the taxpayer. In cases of failure of the deductors, necessary action may be taken against the defaulting deductors under the IT Act," the CAG said.

# *Reshuffle in BJP camp*

The list of BJP's national office-bearers after the party reshuffle announced by the party's national president Jagat Prakash Nadda on Saturday

**NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS (STATE)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Raman Singh, MLA | Chhattisgarh |
| Vasundhara Raje Scindia, MLA | Rajasthan |
| Radha Mohan Singh, MP | Bihar |
| Baijyant Jay Panda, | Odisha |
| Raghubar Das | Jharkhand |
| Mukul Roy | West Bengal |
| Rekha Verma, MP | Uttar Pradesh |
| Annpurna Devi, MP | Jharkhand |
| Bharti Ben Shiyal, MP | Gujarat |
| D.K. Aruna | Telangana |
| M. Chuba Ao | Nagaland |
| Abdulla Kutty | Kerala |

**NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Bhupender Yadav, MP | Rajasthan |
| Arun Singh, MP | Uttar Pradesh |
| Kailash Vijayvargiya | Madhya Pradesh |
| Dushyant Kumar Gautam, MP | Delhi |
| D. Purandareshwari | Andhra Pradesh |
| C.T. Ravi, MLA | Karnataka |
| Tarun Chugh | Punjab |
| Dilip Saikia, MP | Assam |

**NATIONAL GENERAL SECREARY (ORG.)**

| | |
|---|---|
| B.L. Santhosh | Delhi |

**NATIONAL JOINT GENERAL SECRETARIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| V. Satish | Mumbai |
| Saudan Singh | Raipur |
| Shivprakash | Lucknow |

**YUVA MORCHA**

| | |
|---|---|
| Tejasvi Surya, MP | Karnataka |

# 'Removal from Team Nadda a reward for loyalty'

KOLKATA: Rahul Sinha, BJP's former national secretary from Bengal who was removed from the post on Saturday, expressed his discontent over the party's decision.

He alleged he was removed as the high command wanted to give berth to TMC turncoats in the party's central committee. "I have been with the BJP since past 40 years. Today's decision was a reward of being the party's loyal soldier since it's birth. I have been removed to give TMC furncoats berths in the party's central team. This is unfortunate," said Sinha.

Sinha was replaced by Anupam Hazra, who contested from Jadavpur Lok Sabha seat. He said, "I will say nothing about it. Whatever I have to say, I will disclose it after 10-12 days and decide my political fate." *ENS*

**COVID IN MEGHALAYA**

Meghalaya recorded the highest single-day recovery of 311 Covid-19 patients on Saturday, taking the number of cured people to 3,654, a senior health department official said

**1.2K LITRES** OF ILLICIT LIQUOR SEIZED IN AMRITSAR

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| Ahmedabad | 36 | 26 | Mumbai | 31 | 26 |
| Bhopal | 33 | 24 | Panaji | 29 | 24 |
| Jaipur | 38 | 27 | Patna | 32 | 25 |
| Amritsar | 36 | 22 | Lucknow | 35 | 24 |
| Chennai | 32 | 26 | Port Blair | 32 | 25 |
| Kolkata | 33 | 27 | Imphal | 31 | 21 |
| Srinagar | 26 | 12 | Chandigarh | 36 | 22 |

# No cakewalk for NDA, GA as allies unsettled

While JD(U) and LJP have been launching volleys at each other, RLSP chief's comments against Tejashwi Yadav have irked RJD

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @ Patna

EVEN after the announcement of dates for the Bihar Assembly elections, smaller but politically ambitious allies of the NDA and the Grand Alliance (GA) are still battling infighting. While in the NDA, CM Nitish Kumar's JDU and MP Chirag Paswan's LJP have been launching volleys at each other, the Mahagathbandhan received a major setback after RLSP's Upendra Kushwaha walked out of the Opposition alliance a few days before the election dates were declared.

The LJP is also feeling alienated in the NDA after the entry of HAM led by prominent face of Dalits and former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi, and has turned more vocal against Nitish Kumar projecting Chirag Paswan as the CM face.

"The LJP has been in alliance with the BJP, not with the JD(U) in the NDA. The party's preparations are well to contest on 143 seats," the LJP chief had said recently.

LJP MP from Nawada Chandan Singh's recent tweet, saying the people of Bihar now want a young Bihari to take over the reins of the state, also indicated that all is not well in the alliance.

On Friday, Nitish Kumar placed the onus of handling the LJP and looking into its problem on the BJP, saying he does not know what the LJP says about whom.

"I have good relations with Ram Vilas Paswan ji ... and I don't care who says what," said Kumar in an indirect reference to Chirag Paswan.

According to sources in the NDA, an offer of 25 Assembly seats was made to the LJP. But the LJP has reportedly sought 45 seats for itself. When asked, BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand said the matter of seat-sharing would be finalised soon by the central leadership of all parties in the NDA.

Similarly, the RLSP has already given the RJD nightmares. On Thursday, Kushwaha said the GA needs a leader who can stand in front of Nitish Kumar, and Tejashawi Yadav cannot counter the NDA in the polls. Kushwaha's statement irked the RJD.

"Kushwaha is free to do whatever he feels like, but Tejashawi will continue to be the face of GA," RJD leader Mritunjay Tiwari said, adding that Lalu Prasad's son was enough to take on the NDA.

SJD chief Devendra Prasad Yadav (2nd L) along with AIMIM Bihar in-charge Majid Hussain (2nd R) at a press conference in Patna on Saturday | PTI

## AIMIM set to queer pitch for big parties

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @ Patna

THE entry of Asaduddin Owaisi's All-India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) into Bihar politics in alliance with Devendra Prasad Yadav's Samajwadi Janata Dal (SJD) ahead of the Assembly elections is seen as an attempt to queer the pitch for other parties in minority-dominated segments of Seemanchal.

The move is going to give heartburns to many parties in the state. The NDA and the Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance) are avoiding to be vocal against Owaisi's party but are learnt to have started finding ways to counter the AIMIM at least in Seemanchal's seven minority-dominated districts.

> **The results from Seemanchal areas may or may not be in our favour, but we will not allow the JD(U), RJD, Congress or BJP to further exploit the people for their electoral gains**
> Asaduddin Owaisi, AIMIM chief

Owaisi, seeing major poll prospects emerging from these areas, said the AIMIM along with Devendra Prasad Yadav's SJD will contest the Bihar polls under the United Democratic Secular Alliance (UDSA) and declared to queer the pitches for many of so-called secular parties in the NDA and the Grand Alliance.

Buoyed by the victory in Bihar's Kishanganj Assembly by-election in 2019, the Hyderabad MP Owaisi has recently announced the intent to fight from as many as 50 Assembly constituencies across the state.

"The results from various assembly segments of Seemanchal areas may or may not be in our favour, but one thing is for sure that we would not allow the JD(U), RJD, Congress or BJP to further exploit the people of these least developed areas for their electoral gains," Owaisi told this newspaper.

The AIMIM president is also trying to make a dent in the Hindu vote bank by raising the issues of unemployment, coronavirus mismanagement and other local issues of developments.

"Whoever brands us only being concerned about the minority. AIMIM's Hindu candidates had also made their presence felt and got wider acceptability on seats such as Dharavi and Kurla in Maharashtra, having secured over 15% of the votes. And it is also incorrect to say that the AIMIM is only confined to Hyderabad," he said.

There are around 45 minority-dominated Assembly seats in seven districts of Seemanchal region, including Purnia, Kishanganj, Katihar, Supaul, Araria, Saharsa and Madhepura, from where RJD and Congress candidates had been winning till the 2014 Lok Sabha elections and 2015 Assembly polls.

**FESTIVAL OF DEVELOPMENT**

# IMPROVED 'BACK TO VILLAGE' PROGRAMME IN J&K FROM OCT 2

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

AFTER the successful conduct of two phases of the Back to Village (B2V) programme, the Jammu and Kashmir government is all set to launch a 10-day phase-III B2V from October 2 to bring governance to the doorsteps of the people in villages.

The third phase of the B2V programme, described by officials as a festival of development and democracy among the masses, has been improved to make it more effective and the government has earmarked over ₹500 crore for undertaking developmental work. The government has made it mandatory for carrying out at least two developmental works in every panchayat. It means that over 8,500 works will be taken up in J&K, which has 4,290 panchayats.

According to an official, if on an average ₹10 lakh is spent on a single work, it means that about ₹900 crore would be spent on undertaking developmental work under the B2V initiative. "It is a huge developmental initiative as ₹900 crore will be pumped into the economy," he said.

Unlike in the past, officers will not decide what works are to be undertaken, it will be decided by the panchayats and the people.

The first phase of the B2V programme took place on June 20-27 last year and it was the first initiative when the government made it mandatory for officials to spend two days and a night in the villages. For the first time, top bureaucrats, including principal secretaries, chief engineers, head of departments, who mostly don't move out of civil secretariat, and deputy commissioners visited the villages, including remote ones and stayed with the villagers.

"Seeing the entire government machinery around them during the B2Vs programmes gave the masses a sense of belonging and they felt more close and more connected to the administration," an official said.

It was the first major exercise without a political touch or connection and focused on emerging panchayats, collecting feedback on delivery of government programmes and getting a real time assessment of the developmental needs of the villages. Principal Secretary Rohit Kansal, who has been organising and coordinating the entire programme, told this newspaper that the entire B2V programme had been designed to foster a direct contact between the public and the government.

Kansal said the third phase of B2V from October 2-12 was very important and significant. "It will be an action programme that will build on and resolve the issues raised in the first two editions of the B2V held in 2019. The introduction of an extended campaign in the shape of a Jan Abhiyan was an important innovation this year," he said. With people pressing for follow-up action to their grievances in the first two B2V programmes, the government realised that public issues cannot be addressed in two days and designed a 21-day pre-B2V called the Jan Abhihyan.

In the Jan Abhiyan, which started on September 10, district collectors listen to public complaints from 10 to 11.30 am daily and on Wednesdays, officials go to block headquarters to listen to public grievances.

"In these 21 days, we will try to issue as many certificates, income certificates, SC, STC, ALC, EWS, domicile, pension documents, scholarships, Aadhaar cards, KCC, gold cards, J&K health scheme cards, PMAY sanctions etc ," an official said.

He said during the Jan Abhiyan it was being ascertained if schemes such as the Ayushman Bharat, PM Kisan Yojana, scholarships and pension schemes are actually reaching the people and that the beneficiaries are getting the benefits. According to Kansal, the B2Vs and Jan Abhiyan have ensured that the voices of the people are heard and their complaints acted upon.

He said B2V phase III would focus on ensuring that action has been taken and public grievances addressed. It would also focus on public delivery. Kansal said the long term plan was to institutionalise the innovations such as the Jan Abhiyan and to make B2V a regular affair. "The idea is to not just break barriers between the people and the government but to also give grassroots development a real impetus," he added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi twice mentioned the B2V programmes. In one of his Mann ki baat programmes last year, the PM called the B2V as festival of development, public participation and public awareness. He made a mention of B2V again in his Independence Day speech this year.

**B2V-III FROM OCTOBER 2-12**

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| **25,000** demands from public received in first two phases | **`500 cr** earmarked for development work in B2V phase III |
| **4,129** developmental works worth about Rs 109 crore completed in two phases of B2V | **5,000** gazetted officers to visit villages and stay in villages for two days |
| **1,607** developmental works in progress with Rs 65.28 crore being spent on them | **2** development works to be carried out in every panchayat of Jammu and Kashmir |

# Paddy procurement advanced to douse farm fire

**HARPREET BAJWA** @ Chandigarh

IN an apparent effort to placate the agitating farmers in Punjab and Haryana, the Union government advanced the procurement of paddy in both the states citing advance arrival of paddy this year.

The procurement season was scheduled to begin on October 1 but it started on Saturday itself with the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution issuing the orders. The farmers will get the Minimum Support Price for their produce.

"In view of early arrival of paddy in the 'mandis' of Haryana and Punjab, government of India has approved the commencement of procurement operations for paddy/rice immediately in both these states from today i.e. with effect from 26th September, 2020 to ensure that farmers are facilitated in selling their produce at Minimum Support Price (MSP) expeditiously," a statement issued by the ministry stated.

Reacting to the development, BKU (Rajewal Group) president Balbir Singh Rajewal said the farmers protest against the farm reform bills passed in parliament last week had made the Centre afraid and jittery. But the tactic would not work as the farmers were wise enough to understand their political motive. "The demonstrations will continue," he added.

Echoing the same sentiments, Bharatiya Kisan Union (Pannu Group) president Satnam Singh Pannu said "this attempt by the central government to advance the procurement date by four days to defuse the protest in Punjab will not work out."

But Gurnam Singh Charuni, president of the Haryana BKU, played safe and said: "I would not comment on this as it can have a negative effect on the farmers. We have been demanding that the government should buy the paddy at MSP and now they have advanced the date to start the procurement."

The Punjab and Haryana governments, meanwhile, have ordered the start of procurement from Sunday instead of October 1. Instructions have also been issued to lift the procured crop within 48 hours.

# Srinagar's Raghunath Temple to be restored to former glory

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

THE Raghunath Temple in Srinagar, which has been in a dilapidated state for the last 30 years, will be restored to its past glory by the end of this year and opened for devotees soon. The Jammu and Kashmir government is undertaking the restoration work on the temple located in the sensitive and volatile downtown Srinagar.

The centuries old heritage temple in Fateh Kadal area, on the banks of river Jhelum, is in very bad shape. The area had a large Kashmiri Pandit population but they had to migrate en masse to Jammu and other parts of the country after the outbreak of militancy.

The Raghunath Temple, dedicated to Lord Ram, was constructed by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1835. The work on the temple was completed in 1860 by his son Maharaja Ranbir Singh. The tourism department is undertaking the restoration work of the heritage site under the Smart City project.

"We are carrying out the repair and renovation work in the temple to restore it to its pristine glory. We are carefully restoring the Maharaja brickwork, CGI sheeting and taking all the waste out. We are trying our best and working very carefully to restore the grandeur of the temple," said an official supervising the restoration work.

The department is also carrying out the renovation of the Jamia Masjid in Nowhatta and a church in Dalgate under the Smart City project for the beautification of Srinagar.

According to the official, the renovation of Raghunath Temple will cost about ₹54 lakh and work is expected to be completed by November-end.

Raghunath Temple was constructed by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1835 | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

# Tribal Christians tonsured over cow slaughter in Jharkhand

**MUKESH RANJAN** @ Ranchi

SEVEN tribal Christians were allegedly brutally beaten, tonsured and forced to chant "Jai Shri Ram" in a Jharkhand village on suspicion of slaughtering a cow. The incident took place in Ambera Toli of Bherikudar village in Simdega district, around 145 kilometers from the state capital.

According to villagers, a group of more than 60 people, armed with bamboo sticks and iron rods, entered the village early on the morning on September 16 and attacked on the tribal Christians. A complaint was lodged the next day. However, the matter only came to the attention after a local activist raised it in local media on September 25.

Meanwhile, the police have arrested four people so far. "We have arrested four people named in the FIR. The complaint was lodged at the Simdega police station against 9 named and 10 unknown persons," said SP Shams Tabrez.

### 7 health workers died of Covid-19 in J&K

Jammu and Kashmir has recorded deaths of as many as seven healthcare workers (HCWs) due to the Covid-19 since the pandemic hit the Union Territory in March. Besides these HCWs, who at the forefront of the fight against the outbreak, dozen of doctors and paramedic staff have been infected by the virus and recovered and doing their duties. J&K has, so far, recorded 69,832 Covid-19 positive cases — 43,718 in Kashmir and 26,114 in Jammu. Medicines claims of the deceased HCWs are settled under the PMGK Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting Covid-19.

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**SRINAGAR DIARY**

### Uniform admission calendar for kindergarten classes

The Jammu and Kashmir government has ordered all private schools in the Union Territory to follow a uniform admission calendar for kindergarten classes. According to an order issued by principal secretary of the School Education Asgar Samoon, all the private schools affiliated to the J&K Board of School Education have been directed to follow the common admission schedule subject to modification by the government as per circumstances. The order was issued on recommendations of the School Fee Fixation Committee (SFFC), which had received complaints from parents that different admission schedule followed by private schools results in exploitation of parents and offers the limited choice to students seeking admission.

### New fountains to be installed in Srinagar

As many as 148 new fountains will be installed in Srinagar to make the capital more beautiful and attractive. The fountains will be installed at all major junctions in all 74 wards of the city. The proposal was approved during a meeting of the Finance and Planning Standing Committee in January, but the installation work could not be taken up due to the outbreak of Covid-19. The work is expected to be taken up soon as part of the beautification project of the city. Besides, the 370 graveyards and cremation grounds in Srinagar would be getting high-quality lights.

### Kashmiri Pandit leader on fast-unto-death

President of Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti Sanjay Tickoo is on a fast-unto-death at Ganpatyar temple in Srinagar demanding rights and benefits for the Pandits who did not migrate and stayed back in the Valley, after the outbreak of militancy in 1990. He has been demanding monthly financial aid to 808 Pandit families living in Kashmir, an extension of benefits enjoyed by migrant Pandits and job quota under the PM package sanctioned for migrant Pandits. Tickoo alleged that non-migrant Pandits are being discriminated against and not provided any relief by the government over the years despite them risking their lives by living in the Valley. "I will continue fast unto death till all benefits enjoyed by non-migrant Pandits are provided to 808 Pandit families living in Valley," he added.

## $17.2 bn

The IMF has raised by $6.5 billion a credit line offered to Colombia to about $17.2 billion, aiming to help the country cope with the economic effects of Covid-19.

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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| Colombo | 31 | 24 | TDS | Melbourne | 13 | 4 | LR |
| Doha | 39 | 28 | SNY | Moscow | 18 | 7 | LC |
| Dubai | 38 | 25 | SNY | New York | 24 | 18 | LC |
| Houston | 31 | 22 | LC | Singapore | 30 | 25 | TDS |
| Istanbul | 26 | 18 | SNY | Toronto | 25 | 16 | SNY |
| London | 16 | 11 | LC | Washington DC | 27 | 18 | LC |

# Trump set to choose Amy Coney Barrett for SC seat

Appointment to consolidate conservative majority in Supreme Court

**WASHINGTON**

President Donald Trump is expected to announce Saturday that he is nominating Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court as he aims to put a historic conservative stamp on the high court just weeks before the election.

Trump said Friday he had made up his mind and it was "very exciting," without giving away the name, aiming to maintain some suspense around his personal announcement. But the White House indicated to congressional Republicans and outside allies that the pick was Barrett.

"Well I haven't said it was her, but she's outstanding," Trump said of the Indiana federal judge.

Conservative groups and congressional allies are laying the groundwork for a swift confirmation process for her, even before Trump makes the selection official in a Rose Garden ceremony Saturday evening. They, like the president, are wasting little time moving to replace the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, organizing multimillion-dollar ad campaigns and marshalling supporters both to confirm the pick and to boost Trump to a second term.

Judge Amy Coney Barrett | AP

The likely shift in the court's makeup — from Ginsburg, a liberal icon, to an outspoken conservative — would be the sharpest ideological swing since Clarence Thomas replaced Justice Thurgood Marshall nearly three decades ago.

Ever the showman, Trump remained coy about his choice Friday evening as he returned from a campaign swing. When asked whether lawmakers were being told it was Barrett, Trump responded with a nod on the tarmac at Joint Base Andrews, before replying, "Is that what they're telling you?"

"You'll find out tomorrow," he went on to say, flashing a wide smile. "Look, they're all great. It could be any of one them. It could be actually anyone on the list."

For Trump, it will provide a much-needed political assist as he tries to fire up his base. For conservatives, it will mark a long-sought payoff for their at-times uncomfortable embrace of Trump. And for Democrats, it will be another moment of reckoning, with their party locked in a bitter battle to retake the White House and the Senate.

### 'Hell-bent' on confirmation

Senate Republicans are readying for confirmation hearings in two weeks, with a vote in the full chamber now expected before Election Day. Democrats are essentially powerless to block the votes.

"They're hell-bent on getting this done as fast as possible," said Democratic Senate whip Dick Durbin. "They think it helps Donald Trump get reelected."

Outside conservative groups, who have been preparing for this moment for 40 years, are planning to spend more than $25 million to support Trump and his nominee. *AP*

PM-designate Mustapha Adib | AP

# Lebanon's PM quits in blow to Macron

**BEIRUT**

LEBANON'S prime minister-designate resigned Saturday amid a political impasse over government formation, dealing a blow to French President Emmanuel Macron's efforts to break a dangerous stalemate in the crisis-hit country.

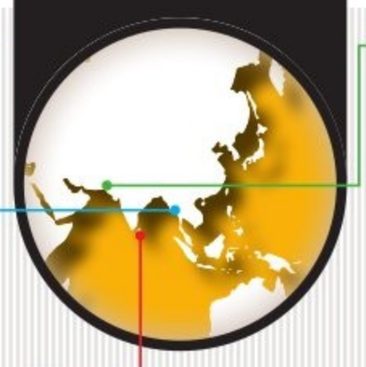
The announcement by Moustapha Adib nearly a month after he was appointed to the job further delays the prospect of getting the foreign economic assistance needed to rescue the country from collapse. Adib told reporters he was stepping down after it became clear that the kind of Cabinet he wished to form was "bound to fail."

The French leader has been pressing Lebanese politicians to form a Cabinet made up of non-partisan specialists that can work on enacting urgent reforms to extract Lebanon from a devastating economic and financial crisis worsened by the Aug. 4 explosion at Beirut port.

An official in Macron's office, commenting on Adib's resignation, described it as "a collective betrayal" by Lebanon's political parties.

"It is indispensable to have a government capable of receiving international aid. France will not abandon Lebanon," said the official, who was not authorized to be publicly named. Lebanon is in desperate need of financial assistance but France and other international powers have refused to provide aid before serious reforms are made. *AP*

## ASIA MATTERS



**THAILAND**

### American sued over negative hotel review

An American has been sued by an island resort in Thailand over a negative TripAdvisor review, authorities said Saturday, and could face up to two years in prison if found guilty. But a recent visit to the Sea View Resort on Koh Chang island landed Wesley Barnes in trouble after he wrote unflattering online reviews about his holiday. The resort owner complained to police that the review was unfair.. Police said Barnes was accused of causing "damage to the reputation of the hotel", and of quarrelling with staff over not paying a corkage fee for alcohol brought to the hotel. Barnes posted in July that he encountered "unfriendly staff" who "act like they don't want anyone here". Barnes was arrested by immigration police and then freed on bail.

**SRI LANKA**

### My verbal orders are equal to circulars: Gota tells officials

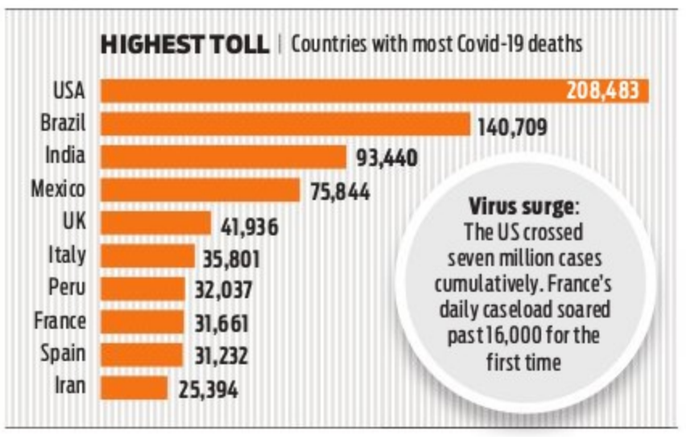
Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has directed public officials to treat his verbal orders issued for the common good of people as circular while trying to give quick solutions to problems, warning them of punishment in case of failure. Rajapaksa was speaking at 'Discussion with Villagers' forum on Friday at Velanwita village in Haldummulla in the rural central province of Uva. "Consider all verbal orders as circulars, those who neglect will be punished," he was quoted as saying in a statement.

**PAKISTAN**

### Khan's cabinet ignoring attacks on journos: Report

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's Cabinet has failed to take up the serious issue of deadly attacks on journalists and media persons in the country in any of its first 62 meetings held between September 1, 2018 and January 30, 2020, a media report said on Saturday. In a statement issued on Friday by Freedom Network --a local media and development sector watchdog -- said it got the information from the government after it filed a request to know if the Cabinet had ever discussed the issue of attacks on journalists in its meeting, the Dawn newspaper reported. "Despite multiple attacks targeting journalists and media persons, the federal cabinet did not take up the issue in any of its first 62 meetings that were held between September 1, 2018 and January 30, 2020," the report said.

# Covid deaths near 1 mn-mark, WHO says count could double




**GENEVA**

CORONAVIRUS deaths could more than double to two million without collective action against the pandemic, the World Health Organization has warned, as Australia's prime minister urged any nation that develops a vaccine to share it with the world.

The number of cases worldwide has soared past 32 million, with deaths approaching one million, the global economy devastated, and major cultural and sports events disrupted.

But despite the pandemic showing no signs of slowing, Japan's new prime minister Yoshihide Suga struck a defiant note Friday, saying his country was determined to hold the postponed Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

"One million is a terrible number and we need to reflect on that before we start considering a second million," the WHO's emergencies director Michael Ryan told reporters on Friday when asked how high the death toll could go.

"Are we prepared collectively to do what it takes to avoid that number? If we don't take those actions... yes, we will be looking at that number and sadly much higher."

"Unless we do it all, the numbers you speak about are not only imaginable but unfortunately, and sadly, very likely", says the WHO's emergencies director Michael Ryan at a virtual news conference, when asked by AFP if it was unthinkable that two million people could die in the pandemic before a vaccine comes around.

The pandemic has spurred worldwide efforts to develop a vaccine to help defeat Covid-19, as well as efforts to try to ensure fair and widespread distribution.

"Whoever finds the vaccine must share it... This is a global responsibility and it's a moral responsibility," Australian PM Scott Morrison said in a message to UN General Assembly.

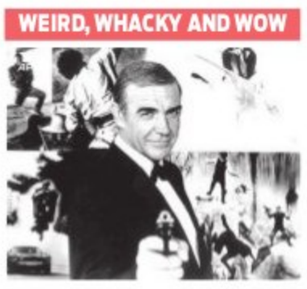
"Some might see short-term advantage or even profit, but I assure you... humanity will have a very long memory and be a very, very severe judge."

Without a vaccine or effective treatment, social distancing and lockdowns remain among the few options for governments to curb the spread of the virus, making large gatherings like spectator sports and music concerts highly risky.

The 2020 Tokyo Olympics, postponed for a year, were the biggest such casualty, and Japan's new PM vowed to hold them in 2021. There are concerns about whether that will be possible. *AFP*

Israelis shop in Tel Aviv's Shuk HaCarmel market ahead of it's closure after new restrictions came into force to curb the world's highest infection rate | AFP

**WEIRD, WHACKY AND WOW**



### Real-life James Bond was 'archivist' in Poland

WARSAW: A British agent named James Bond was posted to the communist bloc two years after the first Bond film came out, according to newly published archives from Poland's Institute of National Remembrance. Bond arrived in Warsaw on February 18, 1964 and his official position was archivist at the British embassy, according to documents from communist Poland's counter-intelligence service. The Bond described in the documents bears little resemblance to his fictional counterpart.

# Teen born in Pak targeted Charlie Hebdo in Paris attack, says report

**PARIS**

A Pakistan-born teenager has admitted to stabbing two people with a meat cleaver outside the former Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo magazine, investigators said Saturday, with nine people now detained over what the government condemned as "Islamist terror".

The 18-year-old said he wanted to avenge the republication of cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed by the satirical weekly, which in January 2015 was targeted in a massacre carried out by Islamist gunmen.

The attack on Friday came three weeks into a trial in Paris of suspected accomplices in the January 2015 attacks on Charlie Hebdo, a policewoman and a Jewish supermarket that left 17 people dead.

While the man is believed to have carried out the stabbings alone, eight other people are now also under arrest following two more detentions Saturday.

The two new individuals arrested were the suspect's younger brother and another acquaintance, a judicial source said.

The man, who said he was born in Pakistan and is 18, "takes responsibility for his action," a source close to the investigation said.

The man said during questioning he places his actions "in the context of the republication of cartoons" of the Prophet Mohammed in Charlie Hebdo on the eve of the trial opening.

The people wounded were employees of prize-winning TV production agency Premieres Lignes, whose offices are in the same block in Paris that used to house Charlie Hebdo. *AFP*

# China pushes unproven vaccines on thousands

**BEIJING**

AFTER the first shot, he had no reaction. But Kan Chai felt woozy following the second dose of a Covid-19 vaccine approved for emergency use in China. "When I was driving on the road, I suddenly felt a bit dizzy, as if I was driving drunk," the popular writer and columnist recounted in a webinar. "So I specially found a place to stop the car, rest a bit and then I felt better."

His is a rare account from the hundreds of thousands of people who have been given Chinese vaccines, before final regulatory approval for general use. It's an unusual move that raises ethical and safety questions, as companies and governments worldwide race to develop a vaccine that will stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Chinese companies earlier drew attention for giving the vaccine to their top executives and leading researchers before human trials to test their safety and efficacy had even begun. In recent months, they have injected a far larger number under an emergency use designation approved in June, and that number appears poised to rise.

A Chinese health official said Friday that China, which has largely eradicated the disease, needs to take steps to prevent it from coming back.

In an established but limited practice, experimental medications have been approved historically for use when they are still in the third and last phase of human trials. But Diego Silva, a lecturer in bioethics at the University of Sydney, said that giving vaccines to hundreds of thousands outside of clinical trials doesn't have "scientific merit" in China, where there are currently very few locally transmitted cases, and incoming arrivals are quarantined centrally. "If it's in the U.S. where the virus is still raging that's a bit different, but in a country like China it doesn't seem to make sense to me." *AP*

### *How many in China have gotten a Covid vaccine shot?*

It's unclear exactly who and how many people have been injected so far, but Chinese vaccine makers have offered some clues

**SINOPHARM SUBSIDIARY CNBG**

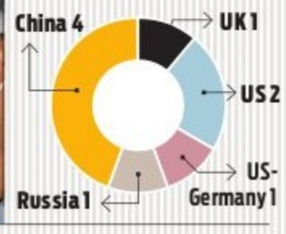
3,50,000 people outside studies | 40,000 in clinical trials

**SINOVAC BIOTECH**

3,000 employees and family

**AHEAD IN THE RACE**

Origin of Covid-19 vaccine candidates in Phase 3




$150 Several people who say they work in "front-line" organizations have said on social media that their workplaces have offered vaccinations for about 1,000 yuan ($150)

# Google to settle sex misconduct lawsuit for $310 mn

**SAN FRANCISCO**

ALPHABET on Friday announced moves to address sexual misconduct at Google and its other operating divisions, putting in place changes worked out to settle a lawsuit filed by shareholders.

Under terms of the settlement, the internet giant will spend $310 million on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and let employees use courts instead of private arbitration to resolve disputes over treatment.

"Over the past several years, we have been taking a harder line on inappropriate conduct, and have worked to provide better support to the people who report it," Alphabet vice president Eileen Naughton said in an email to workers.

"Protecting our workplace and culture means getting both of these things right, and in recent years we've worked hard to set and uphold higher standards for the whole company."

Shareholders filed a lawsuit against Alphabet early last year, not long after thousands of Google employees joined a coordinated worldwide walkout to protest the US tech giant's handling of sexual harassment.

The company has since implement policy changes and other steps to address concerns. *AFP*

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1. Tender No.:TVC-SNT-SIG-20-21-04 Name of Work: Cleaning and Lubrication of interlocked Point chairs under the jurisdiction of DSTE/ADSTE/TVC section, Approx. Value : ₹ 39,30,108. EMD: ₹ 78,600/-
2. Tender No.: TVC-SNT-SIG-20-21-05 Name of Work: Cleaning and Lubrication of interlocked Point chairs under the jurisdiction of ADSTE/ERS section. Approx. Value : ₹ 41,41,800 EMD: ₹ 82,800/-

Completion Period: 12 months. Last Date for Receipt of Tenders: 19/10/2020 Up to 14.00 Hrs.

Complete details and tender document will be available at http://www.ireps.gov.in

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For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 7 invites tender for the following work, at his office upto **3.00 P.M. on 22.10.2020** in two sealed covers containing (i) Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii) Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and competent contractors / firms as detailed below. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (viz) **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in**. The tender schedule will also be available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7, from **01.10.2020 to 21.10.2020 upto 5.45 pm.** The tenders received will be opened at **3.30 P.M.** on **22.10.2020**, in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present at that time.

| Sl. No | Name of Work | Approximate value of work including G.S.T. (Rs. in Lakhs) | Amount of Earnest Money Deposit in Rupees | Period of Completion |
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**$545.04 bn** was India's forex reserve as of September 18, according to RBI data. This was an increase of $3.378 billion over the previous week

# RBI may venture GDP forecast for this fiscal in Oct

The Monetary Policy Committee is likely to refrain from making any policy rate cuts

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

HAVING refrained from giving growth estimates, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das may take up the unsettling task of forecasting GDP growth for the first time post-Covid during the forthcoming monetary policy meet in October. The projection will be critical as it would lay out the RBI's assessment of the extent of the crisis and its implications.

Usually, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) gives an annual guidance on inflation and GDP growth twice a year: in April and October. But, it refrained from giving a growth forecast this year due to the pandemic.

High inflation may also force it to stand pat and keep the repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent for the second time. The last policy rate cut, by 40 basis points, had been made in May.

Price trends have shown that headline CPI remained as high as 6.69 per cent in August, and a "durable reduction" in inflation has not manifested which would allow the RBI to consider alternative policy options. On the other hand, there are some signs of improvement in economic activity as lockdown restrictions are eased. "As such, the inflation-constrained central bank is unlikely to deliver a rate cut," said Rahul Bajoria, chief economist at Barclays India.

RBI is mandated to maintain headline inflation at 4%, but can lean 2% on either side. But, CPI inflation has remained above the median target for the last nine months, excluding April and May due to the massive Covid disruptions.

A few also note that monetary policy is somewhat powerless to prevent growth going sideways for two reasons: the transmission of rate cuts to real lending rates by banks has been inadequate. And commercial credit flow has slowed due to the unwillingness of companies to borrow and banks to lend. "The reduction in the policy rate has not transmitted fully to the credit market, and credit growth remains negative, at -1.5 per cent (Apr-Aug), in spite of a 115-point cut in the repo rate since the pandemic began," pointed out M Govinda Rao, chief economic Adviser, Brickwork Ratings.

**Banks park liquidity in RBI RR window**

Banks, particularly from the public sector, continue to park their excess liquidity in the RBI's reverse repo window at a rate of 3.35 per cent, according to data from brokerages and the central bank's bulletins

GURBIR SINGH

# FARM BILLS SET OFF A NEW WINTER OF DISCONTENT

NEWSCOPE

THE protests against the three farm bills are too big to be drowned by news feeds pursuing Bollywood women who had allegedly smoked weed years ago. For three days Punjab has been paralyzed by 'rail roko' agitiations. On Friday morning, 31 kisan unions joined the one-day strike in the northern states; and the reverberations might trigger protests among agricultural communities all over the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dismissed the stir as sparked by Opposition misinformation. Eliminating the middlemen is the intent. "Farmers have been given new independence in agriculture. They'll now have more options and opportunities to sell their produce," he said. But a closer look shows that a bankrupt government wants to exit the expensive agricultural support mechanisms soon as possible, in favour of the 'open' market.

AMIT BANDRE

**Heavy-handed process**

Steam-rolling the three bills through Parliament was easy, but it has offended many, even its long-standing ally, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD). Calling them the 'Bills of Ingratitude', SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal, has come down on the NDA government heavily for side-stepping a consultation process with farmers and for brushing aside the ally's repeated request to incorporate guarantees of a 'Minimum Support Price' (MSP) and an 'assured procurement' process.

At a broader level, these three bills are part of the inexorable march to a unitary form of government. More immediately, they represent the process of gradually eroding the powers of state governments and making the Centre all powerful. In the separation of powers between the states and the Centre, agriculture has always been seen as the turf of the state governments. However, in the new Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, the central government is empowered to frame rules to govern the sale process outside the markets (mandis), now the prerogative of the state Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs).

The APMC mandis are 'local', deregulated bodies that have evolved over time, and have proved successful in many states. They are designed to ensure that the small farmers get the best deal for their produce and they do not have to travel far, saving transport costs. With the new act, the attempt is to control what is best left to local bodies.

While the Farmers Produce, Trade and Commerce Bill seeks to dismantle the mandi system and open out the agricultural markets to private players, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 provides a framework for contract farming. The new regime will allow farmers individually or collectively to reach agreements with traders, wholesalers or exporters to produce particular types of crops. Farming contracts will also dictate remuneration and production periods.

**End of the safety net**

This will eliminate the safety net of the minimum support price (MSP) guaranteed by government at the local market, and will throw the large body of small farmers into the hands of big businesses seeking food supply chains for their retail networks.

An 'open' market system works well when buyer and seller are evenly matched, and the farmer has scaled up to large production tracts. However, with 86 per cent of farmers in the country still holding less than 2 hectares each, it is necessary they be provided a safety net. Though agriculture contributes 15 per cent of the country's GDP, 68 per cent of the population lives in rural areas, and about 43 per cent of the workforce is in agriculture. India is still rural 'Bharat'. This is perhaps not the best time to open up agriculture to a 'free' capitalist market. It is also a significant indicator that, though the government is repeatedly saying that the MSP system and the mandis will not be dismantled, it is not willing to accept the farmers demand that support for the two cornerstones of the old system—MSP and local mandis—be written into the new farm acts. The truth is, as the new open market system kicks in, MSP and the local mandi will slowly disintegrate.

The haste in pushing through these bills shows opportunistic intent too. Through the pandemic, the government is now bankrupt and wants to wash its hands off all price support subsidies. Though only 20 per cent of the essential farm produce is bought under MSP, it still costs the government upwards of ₹40,000 crore a year. What better way to exit such costly operations than dressing it up as "empowering the farmer."

The safety net of the APMC system, with all its flaws, had given us self-sufficiency in food; and through the public distribution system (PDS), some food security for the poor. With an 'open market', we will now see not only the exploitation of the small and marginal farmers but a slow dismantling of the PDS system. Food shortages and wildly fluctuating prices will also be the order of the day for the urban population.

EXPRESS READ

**REC gets shareholder nod for ₹4.5 lakh cr borrowing**

New Delhi: State-run REC on Saturday said it shareholders have approved a proposal to raise the overall borrowing limit to ₹4.5 lakh crore from the existing ₹3.5 lakh crore. The company's 51st annual general meeting (AGM) held on September 25. Resolutions as set out in the Notice of 51st AGM of the Company have been duly approved and passed by the shareholders with the requisite majority, it said.

**TCS opens National Qualifier Test to corporates**

New Delhi: India's biggest IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services has opened its National Qualifier Test (NQT) to corporates to help them in their fresher recruitment programmes. NQT conducted by TCS iON is a multi-level assessment to assess competence on core cognitive abilities required for entry-level jobs, industry-specific knowledge and insights, and specialisation on skills required for the job role.

# Govt under-reported liabilities, debt

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has said the government deliberately underreported its Public Accounts Liability and external borrowings, giving an incorrect picture of the economy. The reported public account liability is ₹8,82,119 crore in the statement of the Union Government Finance Accounts (UGFA). According to the CAG, the actual outstanding Public Accounts Liability was ₹18,12,015 crore.

The government also underreported its external debt by ₹2,04,478 crore.

"The actual outstanding Public Account liabilities as on 31 March 2019 works out to ₹18,12,015 crore as against ₹8,82,119 crore shown in the Statement. Thus, depiction of total Public Account Liabilities through a footnote and not as part of the main body of the statement or depicting the consolidated picture at any place, does not disclose the correct picture of Public Account Liabilities of the Union Government," the CAG report said.

A similar lack of transparency was found in the reported public account liabilities in the Union Government Finance Accounts (UGFA).

"Statements 2 and 14 of UGFA 2018-19 show External Debt of the Union Government at historic rate of exchange and discloses the External Debt as converted at the current exchange rate (rate as on 31 March 2019) as a footnote. It is observed that the latter is ₹2,04,478 crore higher than the amount at historic rate," CAG said. It said that by doing so, the government did not give an actual picture of external debt.

"This disclosure of the value of external debt only through a footnote affects the transparency of the accounts..," it said. The report has also pointed out that in the last few years, many critical pieces of information have been restricted to just a footnote, which also impacts the transparency of the government's public accounts.

OBITUARY

## Economist Isher Ahluwalia passes away

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WELL-known economist Isher Judge Ahluwalia passed away on Saturday after a 10-month battle against brain cancer.

Isher Ahluwalia, who headed the influential think tank Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) for 15 years, before stepping down a month ago because of ill health, was a well known proponent of economic reforms and had been consulted by several governments.

An alumnus of the Presidency College, Calcutta and of the Delhi School of Economics where she was taught by Amartya Sen and Manmohan Singh, she went on to do her Phd., from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where her doctoral guide was economist Stanley Fischer and her teachers included Nobel Laureate Paul Samuelson.

Isher Ahluwalia was married to former Planning Commission Vice Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia.

OVERSIGHT

## TRAI drops probe into Vi priority plan

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has dropped the probe it was conducting into Vi's (erstwhile Vodafone Idea) priority data plan, sources confirmed on Saturday. The regulator's decision comes after the company tweaked its offerings under the RedX premium plan to remove any claims of faster speeds. Since this was the regulator'score objection to the plan, officials said that there was no more point in pursuing the matter.

In a letter sent to the company, TRAI has said that Vi has told the regulator that the old version of the plan has been discontinued and the new tariff plan does not offer subscribers faster 4G speeds on their mobile phones. "VIL requested the authority to grant closure to the pending enquiry," TRAI said, adding that it was closing the probe.

The regulator had initially ordered both Vi and Airtel to halt such plans in June, pointing out that they were misleading and faster speeds could not be guaranteed on mobile networks. It also noted that it had concerns that the service quality for other consumers would not be affected. While Vi got relief from the court, both companies have voluntarily stopped their plans now.

# Indo-US trade, investment negotiations run into rocky ground

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE pull-out by Harley-Davidson may not be the only blow to India's stuttering trade and investment relationship with the US. Indications are that it may not be able to sew up the early harvest trade deal which both sides wanted before the US Presidential elections. Top officials said that though India had made a "good offer", the deal has not been clinched as the Americans have sought more concessions.

India's offer included allowing high-end US manufacturers, including of medical devices and telecom equipment, to enter the Indian market at lower duty besides allowing select American agricultural products entry. In return, India had asked the US to lift its ban on allowing a host of Indian products duty free entry under its Generalised System of Preferences regime.

But officials said the Americans sought more concessions, especially in agriculture. This included opening up of the poultry and dairy markets ahead of US Presidential elections and lower duty on parts imported by American firms such as Harley which have set up bases in India. The Americans have repeatedly pointed out that due to India's high tariffs even assembled Harley motorcycles are at least one-and-a-half times costlier than in the US. Also put on the back-burner is an investment treaty which would have given guarantees to US and Indian investments. India has been wooing American and other multinational firms exiting China to relocate to India, but except for a few notable exceptions, such as Apple's vendor Foxconn, few have done so.

"The Americans have also questioned us at WTO earlier this week on our export subsidies. The point they are making is that if you want access to the large American market you need to give tariff concessions to US companies selling products or setting up factories here," said Prof Biswajit Dhar of JNU, a member of the Board of Trade. The US had last year withdrawn preferential tariff treatment for many Indian products.

**Dehradun Airport gearing up for a makeover and enhanced capacity**

To meet the expected future growth of passenger footfall, AAI's Dehradun Airport is getting upgraded in phases at s project cost of ₹353 crore. The first phase of development work includes the construction of a Domestic Terminal Building along with Utility Block, Car park, Sewage Treatment Plant, Rainwater Harvesting Structures, etc.

**RITES secures major turnkey contract for construction of ROBs**

RITES Ltd has been awarded a turnkey contract for the construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) as replacements for existing level crossings on a competition basis from the Railway Board amounting to ₹205.85 crore. An MoU will be executed between RITES and South Central Railway in this regard in due course. This turnkey contract covers the construction of four ROBs in the Vijaywada-Vishakhapatnam section.

**PPT flags off Swachhata Rath**

As a part of the ongoing "Swachhata Pakhwada" observations, a "Swachhata Rath" was flagged off by S K Barua, MD, Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) and Rajesh Tripathi, MD, Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) in the presence of Rinkesh Roy, Chairman, PPT from the Administrative Building premises. The rath is an effort to create awareness about Covid-19, cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in the locality. Other senior officials of the mentioned organisations also attended the event.

## Business & Beyond

**IREDA opens branch office in Mumbai**

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has opened its third branch office in the country in Mumbai for facilitation of its customer, borrowers and other stakeholders. The agency already has two branch offices in Chennai and Hyderabad. Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA opened the new office of the company in Andheri East, Mumbai today in the presence of Chintan Shah, Director (Technical), borrowers and other senior officials.

**ONGC extends support for modern classrooms in University Madras**

ONGC - Cauvery Basin, Chennai as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility initiative, has extended financial support of ₹9.61 lakh to the Department of Applied Geology, University of Madras, Guindy Campus for converting its classrooms into modern classrooms. The project also includes providing cubicles for Research Scholars, furniture and Auditorium accessories.

**Punjab National Bank extends support toward Covid-19 fight**

Binod Kumar, Zonal Manager of Punjab National Bank, South Zone met J Radhakrishnan, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu recently and handed over masks and sanitizers for the needy under the bank's CSR initiative

## Serena 'not 100 per cent', but set for Major test

Serena Williams admitted she was still feeling the lingering effects of an Achilles problem but said it would not derail her protracted pursuit of a record-equalling 24th Major at the French Open. "I'm not at 100% physically. But I don't know any athlete that ever plays physically when they're feeling perfect. That's just something I think as athletes we have to play with."

**STANDINGS**

| TEAM | M | W | L | PT | NRR |
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| KXIP | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2.425 |
| MI | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.993 |
| RR | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0.8 |
| KKR | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -0.767 |
| CSK | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -0.840 |
| RCB | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -2.175 |
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RR VS KXIP @ SHARJAH

## BATTLE ROYALE

Coming into the match after registering comprehensive victories, both Punjab and Rajasthan will look to build on a winning momentum when they play against each in Sharjah on Sunday. Here are a few talking points...

Head-to-head RR 10, KXIP 9

**RUN-FEST ON CARDS**

With small boundaries and good batting track, another six-hitting match is on cards. Previous match saw both Rajasthan and Chennai hitting 33 sixes and also reaching 200-run mark. While RR's Sanju Samson will hope to continue his menacing form, Punjab skipper **KL Rahul** will like to begin from where he left against Bangalore in the last game.

**PITCH & CONDITIONS**

Flat wicket means bowlers may again endure a tough day in energy-sapping conditions with temperature hovering around 35 degrees and humidity more than 50 per cent.

**BUTTLER IS BACK**

Jos Buttler, who missed the first game due to quarantine, is available and likely to open alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal for Rajasthan. Steve Smith might bat at No. 4 in place of David Miller.

STATS

**1** Both teams had played 1 match in Sharjah way back in 2014 with Punjab coming out trumps.

**2130** With 2130 runs, KL Rahul is second leading scorer for KXIP in IPL after Virender Sehwag (2728) among the Indian cricketers.

# EARLY BLUES FOR YELLOW

CSK have cancelled off days for players next week in order to get team firing

**VENKATA KRISHNA B** @Chennai

CHENNAI Super Kings have a six-day gap before they face Sunrisers Hyderabad next Friday. They might even start that game as the bottom-placed side considering the start they have had, which has seen them win only one of the three matches. The only solace for them is it isn't the worst start they have had to a campaign. That came in 2009, when the entire IPL was played in South Africa. There they won only one of their first five games.

They made it to the knockouts then, as second-placed team in the table with just eight wins. In 2010, they recovered from a four-match losing streak to qualify for the knockouts and eventually lift the title.

So this start shouldn't worry them. As MS Dhoni said, their top-order hasn't given them the momentum and their spinners, the life of their party, are yet to join. That they have played each of the three matches in as many venues venues hasn't made it easy as they are still

Experienced MS Dhoni (R) & Ravindra Jadeja will be hoping to lift the team

some distance away from finding their ideal XI. It isn't a situation Chennai have often found themselves in, but it is something Dhoni and head coach Stephen Fleming have encountered previously with Rising Pune Supergiants in 2016.

A defeat against Hyderabad can force them to press the panic button. In a tournament where players are yet to find top gear, Chennai look undercooked. The extra days they spent under quarantine without any practice is showing. Having experienced players have helped Chennai previously to get out of situations, but most of their regulars have arrived in the UAE without much match practice.

Murali Vijay is struggling for timing. Shane Watson appears short on options. Kedar Jadhav looks out of sorts. Ravindra Jadeja hasn't found any rhythm. Dhoni has admitted he needs time to find his groove. "We're a bit muddled at the moment. We're missing some key players, and we're trying to find a balance that allows us to be competitive. We're looking to develop a personality based on the wickets that we're facing," Fleming said.

Chennai have also decided against giving off-days to their players this week as Dhoni wants to create match situations in practice sessions. They feel this will benefit their players. They have options to fall back on, particularly in the spin department, where wickets have been hard to come by.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

# KKR go for the Gill against listless SRH

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

In a slow, drab contest, Kolkata Knight Riders chased Sunrisers Hyderabad's total of 142 in 18 overs to get off the mark in the IPL on Saturday. Sloppy fielding was part of the larger theme in which Shubman Gill top-scored for Kolkata with an unbeaten 70. Eoin Morgan played a supporting role, with 42* as Kolkata won by seven wickets.

Earlier, it seemed skipper David Warner's words of not giving away one's wicket cheaply was taken onboard by Manish Pandey, who anchored the innings, scoring 51 in 38 balls.

Pandey came in after the dismissal Jonny Bairstow, batted till the 18th over, fully aware of the fact that the 2016 champions have a brittle middle-order. It was a smart knock by the former KKR batsman, only going after loose deliveries and he ran well between the wickets as well. The rest of the batters did not light the stage on fire. The skipper was looking in fine fettle, and seemed intent on leading from the front. While he was batting in tandem with Pandey, the run-rate was also on the higher side. But a soft dismissal of mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy derailed the momentum of the innings. Wriddhiman Saha, brought in to replace Vijay Shankar, tried to force the issue but could not connect most of the time. KKR bowlers deserve credit as well.

**Brief scores: SRH 142/4** (Pandey 51, Warner 36) **lost to KKR 145/3 in 18 ovs** (Gill 70*, Morgan 42*).

SPORTING LIFE

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### BCCI names women selectors

CHENNAI: The BCCI finally has given some direction for women's players. On Saturday, the BCCI appointed the new women's selection committee which will be led by the former India left-arm spinner Neetu David. Arati Vaidya, Renu Margrate, Venkatacher Kalpana and Mithu Mukherjee are the other members.

# Goa's Noguera braced for ISL challenge

**ASHIM SUNAM** @ Bengaluru

THE Covid-19 situation in India has forced sporting activities to take a back seat. However, football is set to lead the way with the I-League qualifiers in Kolkata starting next month and the Indian Super League in November in Goa. The latter, comprising ten teams, will be a massive test with the need for the foreign players to travel to India from different parts of the globe, but the current visa situation makes it difficult.

Teams have made some quality foreign signings, including FC Goa among others. The Gaurs signed former Atletico Madrid player, Alberto Noguera earlier this month. Though the midfielder is yet to land in India due to the prevailing situation, he has no travel apprehensions despite the rise in cases.

"No (there is no travel fear), we trust the club and the organisers. Everyone is looking forward to travelling to India including myself. Players have been communicated of the protocols in place and the facilities that will be provided during the season and everyone is happy with it. We have to take utmost care and precautions, but we cannot live life in fear," Noguera told this daily.

His confidence might stem from the fact that the ISL will be played across three venues in Goa. The coronavirus situation in the state is also much better than other parts of India.

Having a Spaniard coach, Juan Ferrando, who loves playing an attacking brand of football, Noguera believes it will help him. "...I have spoken to coach several times. Like me and the club, he shares the passion and fervour to play a good brand of football. That is key."

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
RWS&S DIVISION, RAYAGADA.
Tel.No. 8280408061, **E-mail:** eerwss_rgd@nic.in, eerwssrgd@gmail.com
**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement**
O-389 **Tender Identification No.05/RWSS/RGD/2020-21**

1 Name of Works : 1. Supplying & Laying of rising main and distribution system pipe line of UPVC/DI/GI, construction of Compound wall RCC OGR/ESR,SV/NRV Chamber, Air Valve Pillar stand post etc for retrofitting of different PWS projects in Rayagada District.
2 Total Number of Works : 17 Nos. (Detailed list available in the website)
3 Estimated Cost : Rs.12.44 Lakhs to 151.65 Lakhs
4 Class of Contractor : D, C, B, A & Spl
5 Period of Completion : 4 month / 7month & 09 month respectively

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender online for Bidding | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | From | To |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Rayagada | Online Tender/05/RWSS/RGD/2020-21 | 30.09.2020 at 11.00 Hours | 15.10.2020 upto 17.00 Hours |

**NB:** Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
**Sd/- 21.09.20, Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Rayagada** OIPR 25007/11/0005/2021

**TAMILNADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION**
HEAD OFFICE: 12 THAMBUSAMY ROAD, KILPAUK, CHENNAI - 600 010
**Re-Tender Reference No : ME5/64885/2016**
Sealed Re-Tenders are invited from Reputed Manufacturers / Authorised Manufacturer's dealer for the supply of Boiler, Parboiling and Drying Unit Machineries, Rice Mill Unit Machineries, Automatic Weighing, Bagging and Stitching Machine and 315 KVA Transformer on turnkey basis in Place of Supply at Modern Rice Mill, Tholuvur, Valangaiman Taluk, Thiruvarur District.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Place of Purchase | Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Head Office, 12, Thambuswamy Road, Chennai-10. |
| 2. | EMD payable for by means of DD payable at Chennai | 1. Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) for Boiler. 2. Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs only) for Parboiling and Drying Unit Machineries. 3. Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) for Rice Mill Unit Machineries. 4. Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) for Automatic Weighing, Bagging and Stitching Machine. 5. Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand only) for 315 KVA Transformer. |
| 3. | Last date and time for receiving / opening of sealed Re-tender documents | Closing : 04.11.2020, 3.00 P.M. Opening : 04.11.2020, 3.30 P.M. |

The Re-tender documents can be downloaded from www.tncsc.tn.gov.in / www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost till 12.00 P.M. on 04.11.2020.
DIPR/3637/Tender/2020 MANAGING DIRECTOR

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
Public are hereby informed that, my clients **Sri. BASAVA** Son of Late Basavegowda is intend to purchase the below mentioned **Schedule Property** from **Sri. K T SHIVARAJ**, who is the owner and in possession of the schedule property. If any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, title, interest or share in the below mentioned schedule property, may lodge their objection/s and/or claim/s with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence ***within 15 days*** from the date of this Publication and objections and/or claim/s received thereafter shall not binding on my client and my client or his nominees will be proceeded to purchase the below mentioned schedule property as if there is no claims/objections from anybody.
**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
All the piece and parcel of residential old House Property bearing **No. 80,** formed out of **Sy. No. 19, BBMP PID No. 53 – 69 – 080,** measuring **East to West 40' Feet and North to South 30' Feet, Totally measuring 1200 Square Feet, situated at 13th Main, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Ward No. 53, Bangalore-560050.,** which is bounded on the **East by Site No.79, West by Road, North by Site No.76 and South by Site No.88, along with Super built-up area of 800 Sq., ft.,** asbestos sheet roofing.
*Sd/-*
**Nagaraju B, & Kumaraswamy M**
***Advocates,***
No.17, 1st floor, Near Balaji Kalyana Mantapa, Hosa Guddadahalli, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. Mob: 9845776467
Place: Bangalore Date: 26.09.2020

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
**Rajanukunte Branch: Sy No: 16, Rajlaxmi Sawmill Compound, Doddaballapur Highway, Rajanukunte-560064**
**POSSESSION NOTICE**
**(For Immovable Property) [Appendix IV under Act –rule-8(1)]**
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Canara Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29.01.2020 calling upon the borrower **Shri Kanchivarada Agro Centre represented by its proprietor Vedavathi** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 24,75,988/- as on 29.01.2020** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
Since the concerned parties have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the owner of the property, other parties concerned and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **23rd day of September of the year 2020.**
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The parties concerned in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank, Rajanukunte Branch, for an aggregate amount of **Rs. 26,99,130/-** as on 31.08.2020 and future interest and cost thereon from 01.09.2020 costs. etc.
**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OWNED BY VEDAVATHI PROPRIETOR OF SHRI KANCHIVARADA AGRO CENTER.**
All that part and parcel of the property bearing katha No. 927/927/7, Situated in Marasandra Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.
**Date : 23.09.2020** **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER**
**Place : Bangalore** **CANARA BANK**

Government of Karnataka
**KALYAN KARNATAKA REGION DEVELOPMENT BOARD**
Opp. Aiwan-E-Shahi, Kalaburagi-585102, Karnataka, Phone No. : 08472-256767, Fax No: 08472-227527, E-mail : hkadbgulb@gmail.com
No. KKRDB/TECH/136/2020-21/ Date:25.09.2020
**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement System)**
The Secretary, KKRDB, Kalaburagi hereby invites separate Technical and Financial Bids for "Request for Supply of Advanced Life Support Ambulances to Kalyan Karnataka Region Development Board". Call-2 through e- procurement portal of Government of Karnataka, Firms willing to participate in this tender shall necessarily register themselves with above mentioned e-procurement portal.
The tender document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through e-procurement system only.EMD is Rs. 6,00,000/- (Indian National Rupee Six Lakhs Only)
1) Date of publishing the RFP Document : 25/09/2020, 2) Last date and time for submission of Queries : 02/10/2020 upto 15:00 hrs, 3) Date/ Time/ Place of Pre-Proposal Conference: 05/10/2020 at 15:00 hrs, 4) Last date and time for submission of Proposal (Proposal Due Date): 12/10/2020 upto 15:00 hrs, 5) Date and time for opening of Technical Proposal: 13/10/2020 at 15:01 hrs, 6) Date and time for opening of Financial Proposal : 15/10/2020 at 15:00 hrs.
**Sd/- Secretary, Kalyan Karnataka Region Development Board Kalaburagi**
DIP/Kalaburagi/428/MC&A/2020-21

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
**BANGALORE RURAL ZILLA PANCHAYATH**
O/o Executive Engineer,Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore-560009
**TENDER NOTIFICATION No.04/2020-21 DATED:22-09-2020**
**E-Procurement Tender Notice**
Tenders are invited through e-procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Rural, For SWACHCHA BHARATH MISSION and other head works. The work details can be obtained from the e-procurement Web Site **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **Dated: 21.10.2020 upto 4.00 pm**. Further details contact this office during office working hours.
**Sd/-** Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
DIPR/DDO/B-Rural/SSC/193/2020-21 Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
This public notice is hereby issued on the authorisation and information provided for me by my client **Sri Sanjay Kumar Baid, Director, M/s. Guru Punvaanii Properties #** 14, 1st Floor, 9th Avenue, 3rd Cross, N.S. Iyengar Road, 4th Block, kumarapark West, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020, The lands mentioned in the schedule are converted for residential purpose. Sy. No. 102/1, and 102/2 property belongs to **M/s. Vajra Bhoomi Infrastructure** and it was in their possession. Sy.No. 102/3 properties belongs to Srinivisa H S/o. Haleshappa and Shankara Reddy Hanchinala S/o. Narasa Reddy Joint Ownership and standing in their possession. Sy. No. 102/4 property is in the ownership of Srinivas .H S/o. B. Hanumanthappa and standing in his possession Sy. No. 102/5 property is in the name and possession of Srinivas N.H. S/o. N.K. Hanumanthappa.
My client M/s. Guru Punvaanii Properties firm has transacted with the concerned owners to purchase the above said properties. if any persons having any objections for the said transactions / objection along with the supporting documents **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which my client company will proceed to purchase the schedule properties from the above owners and transact assuming there is no objections from any persons regarding the sale of the said properties.
**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
All that pieces and parcel of the Residential converted land properties **situated at Basavanaganguru Village, Holaluru 1st Hobli, Shivamogga Taluk** the details of the properties is as follows :

| Sl. No. | Sy. No. | Area Acre/Guntas | Village / Taluk |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 102/1 | 01-36½ (01.36.12.00) | Basavanaganguru Shivamogga Taluk |
| 2. | 102/2 | 02-01 (02.01.00) | Basavanaganguru Shivamogga Taluk |
| 3. | 102/3 | 01-18½ (01.18.12.00) | Basavanaganguru Shivamogga Taluk |
| 4. | 102/4 | 01.19.01.00 | Basavanaganguru Shivamogga Taluk |
| 5. | 102/5 | 02-00 (02.00.00) | Basavanaganguru Shivamogga Taluk |

**Sreepada,** B.Sc.,LL.M., **Advocate**
Swethakamala, 2nd Parallel Road Durgi Gudi Shivamogga City. Mobile : 9448531108
email : sreepadaadv@gmail.com

**INDIABULLS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED**
Indiabulls Finance Center, 9th Floor, Tower 1, Elphinstone Road, Mumbai-400013
**DEMAND NOTICE**
**Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("the Act")**
Take notice that Indiabulls Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as **Indiabulls ARC**) has issued a notice U/S, 13(2) of Securitization Act on **11-08-2020** to **(1) Mr. Kalinganahalli Rangaswamy Suresh Kumar,** S/o. Mr. KT Rangaswamy, No. 2929/E, 1st Cross, RPC Layout, Vijay Nagar, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560040. **(Also at) Mr. Kalinganahalli Rangaswamy Suresh Kumar,** S/o. Mr. KT Rangaswamy, Site No. 120, Municipal No. 110/120, CMC Katha No. 110/120, Ward No. 23, A-Sector, Ideal Homes, HBCS Layout, Kenchenahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560098. (Also at) **Mr. Kalinganahalli Rangaswamy Suresh Kumar,** S/o. Mr. KT Rangaswamy, Hitech Kidney Stone Hospital, No. 6/7, Cresent Road, Behind Sindhi High School, Kumarapark East, Bangalore-560001. **(2) Mrs. Sahana GS,** W/o. K.R. Suresh Kumar, No. 299/E, 1st Cross, RPC Layout, Vijay Nagar, Bangalore-560040. **(Also at) Mrs. Sahana GS** W/o. K R Suresh Kumar, Site No. 120, Municipal No. 110/120, CMC Katha No. 110/120, Ward No. 23, A-Sector, Ideal Homes, HBCS Layout, Kenchenahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560098. calling upon them to repay the dues of **Rs.1,78,86,998.82 Ps. (Rupees One Crore Seventy Eight Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight and Paisa Eighty Two Only)** as on 31-07-2020 being the aggregate of the amounts due and payable in respect of the financial assistance(s) as per details given in the Annexure and also amounts of further interest calculated at the rate and from the date as given in the Annexure in respect of each of the financial assistance, failing which INDIABULLS ARC shall be at liberty to take recourse against all or any one or more of the mortgaged/hypothecated/charged properties entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof.
**Annexure**
**Description / Details of Facilities sanctioned**

| Sl.No. | Nature of Facility with Loan Account No. | Amount (Rs. in Lacs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Loan Against Property KBROO253N | 99.00 |
| 2. | Loan Against Property KBROO370N | 55.00 |
| 3. | Loan Against Property KBROO560N | 40.00 |
| | Total | 194.00 |

**Details of Secured Assets**
Property of K.R. Suresh Kumar, S/o. K.T. Rangaswamy (Sale Deed Document No. 12580 of 2006-07, Dated 06-07-2006) : All that piece and parcel of house bearing site No. 120, in sector 'A' formed by Ideal Homes Co-operative Building Society Limited situated at Ideal Homes Township, Kenchenahally, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Pattanagere City Municipal Council, Ward No. 23, Municipal No. 110/120, present Rajarajeshwari CMC Khatha No. 110/120, and measuring : East to West : 55'-0" + 53'-0" Feet/2, North to South : 36'-0" + 42'-0" Feet/2, Totally Measuring : 2016 Square Feet, and bounded on : East by : Site No. 134, West by : 9th Main Road, North by : Site No. 121, South by : Site No. 119, Together with 12 square R.C.C. Roffed, mosaic flooring, with cement and Bricks Wall, Doors and Windows made of Jungle Wood, with all civic amenities like, Water, Sanitary and Electricity Faciliteis The Schedule property comes under the Jurisdiction of Rajarajeswari City Municipal Council. Aggregate Outstanding amount as on 31-07-2020 is **Rs.1,78,86,998.82 Ps. (Rupees One Crore Seventy Eight Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight and Paisa Eighty Two Only)** together with future interest at documented rate from 01-08-2020 to the date of payment and other costs.
**Sd/-Authorised Officer,**
**Indiabulls Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd., Trustee of Indiabulls ARC XIV Trust**
**Date : 11.08.2020**
**Place: Bangalore**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
**PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI**
No : EE/PRED/KLB/5054/TS-5/TND/2020-21/2196 Date :24/09 /2020
**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through E-procurement Two Cover System)**
Name of work: 1. Improvements to Road from Nirgudi to Chincholi Road Km 0.00 to 2.00 in Aland Taluka Indent No.80636. 2. Improvements to Road from Annur Village to Khaski Village Near Bridge in Aland Taluka Indent No.80637. 3. Improvements of Approach Road to Bridge at Hodalur Village in Aland Taluka Indent No.80635. 2) Head of account: 5054-03-37-0-75-059 for the year 2019-20. 3) Amount put to tender : (Indent No.80636) Rs.44,54,676.84-Single Cover, (Indent No.80637) Rs.43,56,876.33-Single Cover, ( Indent No.80635) Rs.86,93,922.69 -Two Cover. 4) Class of Contractor: Class-1 & Above. 5) Issue of Blank Tender Documents 25-09-2020 to 08-10-2020 upto 4.00 pm. 6) Tender Form Fee: As per E-procurement Norms 7) E.M.D. (Indent No.80636)-Rs.89500, Indent No.80637-Rs.87500, Indent No.80635-Rs.174000 Receipt of completed tender documents 25-09-2020 to 08-10-2020 upto 4.00 pm. 9) Technical Bid Opening Date: 09-10-2020 After 4.00 pm (Indent No.80635). 9a) Financial Bid Opening Indent No 80636 & 80637 : 09-10-2020 After 4.00 pm. 10) Financial Bid Opening Date: 16-10-2020 After 11.00 am (Indent No.80635). 11) For more details contact: office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Opp: Karnataka Grameen Bank (PKGB) Head office, Kusnoor Road, Rajapur Kalaburagi. 12) Website Address www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Kalaburagi**
DIP/Kalaburagi/420/MC&A/2020-21

**Government of India**
**Department of Atomic Energy**
**Bhabha Atomic Research Centre**
**(Civil Engineering Section)**
Post Bag no. 1. Yelwal, Mysuru 571 130
Telephone : 0821-2406638/6724/Fax : 0821-240 3064
***NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER***
The Superintending Engineer, BHABHA Atomic Research Centre, Mysore invites for & on behalf of the President of India, Sealed item rate tenders in two parts from eligible contractors for those having adequate experience and capabilities to execute similar works of such magnitude as detailed in this tender.

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| Tender Reference No. | BARC/MYS/CES/13/2020-21 |
| Name of work | Restoration of toilets, waste pipe lines & floor trap fittings, in Building no.18 at plant site, BARC, Mysuru. |
| Estimated Cost | Rs 6.90 Lakhs (Rupees Six Lakhs ninety thousand only) |
| Earnest Money Deposit | Rs. 13,800/- (Rupees Thirteen thousand eight hundred only) |
| Period of Completion | 06 Months |
| Tender Sale Period | From 28.09.2020 (1100 hrs) To 09.10.2020 (1500) |

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site **www.tenderwizard.com/dae** and **www.barc.gov.in**
**Sd/-**
**Superintending Engineer**
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IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE > NELSON MANDELA

According to a study published in the journal *PLOS ONE*, sharing a home with a pet appeared to act as a buffer against the psychological stress during the lockdown.

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, during pregnancy was not associated with complications in the newborn child, said researchers in a study, published in the journal *JAMA*.

# Moon's radiation 200 times higher than that of Earth

Walls of shelters built from lunar soil for long-term stay should be 80cms thick to protect inhabitants from such emissions, say researchers

COSMIC CHRONICLES

WASHINGTON: As the US prepares to return humans to the Moon this decade, one of the biggest dangers future astronauts will face is space radiation that can cause lasting health effects, from cataracts to cancer and neurodegenerative diseases.

Though the Apollo missions of the 1960s and 1970s proved it was safe for people to spend a few days on the lunar surface, NASA did not take daily radiation measurements that would help scientists quantify just how long crews could stay.

This question was resolved on Friday after a Chinese-German team published in the journal *Science Advances* the results of an experiment carried out by China's Chang'E 4 lander in 2019.

"This is an immense achievement in the sense that now we have a data set which we can use to benchmark our radiation" and better understand the potential risk to people on the moon, said Thomas Berger, a physicist with the German Space Agency's medicine institute.

"The radiation of the Moon is between two and three times higher than what you have on the ISS (International Space Station)," co-author Robert Wimmer-Schweingruber, an astrophysicist at the University of Kiel told *AFP*.

"So that limits your stay to approximately two months on the surface of the Moon," he added, once the radiation exposure from the roughly week-long journey there, and week back, is taken into account.

There are several sources of radiation exposure: galactic cosmic rays, sporadic solar particle events (for example from solar flares) and neutrons and gamma rays from interactions between space radiation and the lunar soil.

Radiation is measured using the unit sievert, which quantifies the amount absorbed by human tissues. The team found that the radiation exposure on the Moon is 1,369 microsieverts per day — about 2.6 times higher than the International Space Station crew's daily dose.

The reason for this is that the ISS is still partly shielded by the Earth's protective magnetic bubble, called the magnetosphere, which deflects most radiation from space.

Earth's atmosphere provides additional protection for humans on the surface, but we are more exposed the higher up we go.

**The radiation levels we measured on the Moon are about 200 times higher than on the surface of the Earth and five to 10 times higher than on a flight from New York to Frankfurt**

Robert Wimmer-Schweingruber, astrophysicist at the University of Kiel

"The radiation levels we measured on the Moon are about 200 times higher than on the surface of the Earth and five to 10 times higher than on a flight from New York to Frankfurt," Wimmer-Schweingruber added.

In a detailed outline released this week, NASA said the first pair of astronauts to land on the moon under the new Artemis programme would spend about a week on the lunar surface, more than twice as long as the Apollo crews did a half-century ago.

Expeditions would last one to two months once a base camp is established.

NASA is looking to put astronauts on the Moon by the end of 2024, an accelerated pace ordered by the White House, and on Mars sometime in the 2030s.

The space agency said it will have radiation detectors and a safe shelter aboard all Orion crew capsules flying to the moon. As for the actual landers, three separate corporate teams are developing their own craft with NASA oversight. For the first Artemis moon landing, at least, the astronauts will live in the ascent portion of their lander.

The German researchers suggest shelters built of Moon dirt — readily available material — for stays of more than a few days.

The walls should be 80 centimetres (about 2 and a half feet) thick, they said. Any thicker and the dirt will emit its own secondary radiation, created when galactic cosmic rays interact with the lunar soil.

# US astronaut to cast her vote from space station

CRUCIAL ELECTIONS

ATLANTA: NASA astronaut Kate Rubins (pictured) told *The Associated Press* on Friday that she plans to cast her next vote from space – more than 320 kilometres above Earth.

Rubins is just outside Moscow in Star City, Russia, preparing with two cosmonauts for a mid-October launch and a six-month stay at the International Space Station (ISS).

"I think it's really important for everybody to vote," Rubins said. "If we can do it from space, then I believe folks can do it from the ground, too."

Most US astronauts live in Houston. Texas law allows them to vote from space using a secure electronic ballot. Mission Control forwards the ballot to the space station and relays the completed ballot back to the county clerk.

"It's critical to participate in our democracy," Rubins said. "We consider it an honour to be able to vote from space."

NASA astronauts have voted from space before. Rubins and Shane Kimbrough cast their votes from the ISS.

Rubins, the first person to sequence DNA in space, plans to work on a cardiovascular experiment. While she's there, she'll celebrate the 20th anniversary of continuous human presence on the station and welcome the second SpaceX commercial crew mission, expected to arrive in October.

**ANTHROPAUSE**

The paper adds to a growing body of research describing how animals — from whales to coyotes to the white-crowned sparrow studied here — have adapted their behaviours to Covid-19 shutdowns that forced humans to retreat to their homes, a phenomenon dubbed the "anthropause"

**1/3rd**

The scientists were surprised by just how far the volume of their songs had dropped — almost a third

**EXFILE**

## *How sparrows sang in a silent spring*

As the streets of San Francisco emptied out in the first months of the pandemic, the city's male birds began singing more softly and improving their vocal range, making them attractive to females, according to a new study published last week

**THE RIGHT NOTES**

Researchers compared birdsong data they had collected from previous years to recordings made at the same sites from April to May 2020, finding the sparrows were now singing far more quietly, and were able to hit much lower notes, which in turn expanded their range and enhanced their overall performance

Imagine going to a party at a friend's house: at the start of the night you speak at a normal volume, but as the place fills up you have to raise your voice to be heard

"When you're shouting at a cocktail party, your voice is not at its best," said researchers, adding that it was similar for birds

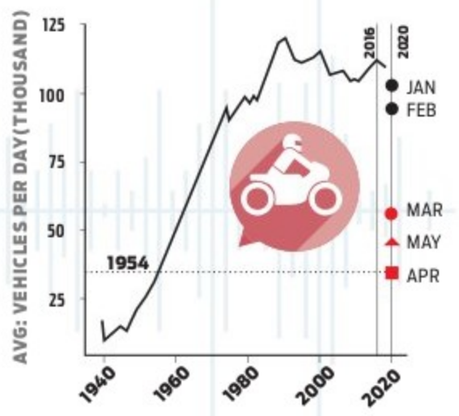
As noise pollution decreased, "their songs also sounded better." They were better competitors, and they sounded like better mates to females

**ADAPTATION**

The authors said their research showed just how quickly birds can adapt to changing environments, and suggest that finding long-term solutions to curbing noise pollution might lead to other positive outcomes like higher species diversity

**NOISELESS**

Average vehicles per day on the Golden Gate bridge. The number of vehicles on the Golden Gate Bridge collapsed to 1954 levels




**50%** As traffic ground to a halt following a statewide shelter-in-place order in spring, noise levels fell by 50 per cent

FACT OF THE MATTER

## Hero rat sniffs landmines

BRAVERY AWARD

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. A five-year-old giant African pouched rat called Magawa, however, has to be one of the world's most unlikely life-savers. The rodent has won the animal equivalent of Britain's highest civilian honour for bravery because of his uncanny knack of sniffing out landmines and unexploded ordnance. British veterinary charity the PDSA awarded Magawa its Gold Medal "for his life-saving bravery and devotion to duty", which had transformed the lives of people in Cambodia. Magawa, who was trained by the Belgian charity APOPO, has sniffed out 39 landmines and 28 items of unexploded ordnance.

## Oppo smart TV in Oct

IoT DEVICES

Chinese smartphone maker Oppo has officially announced to launch its smart TV in October. The announcement was made during the Oppo Developer Conference (ODC) 2020, where the company unveiled ColorOS 11 and Oppo Watch ECG Edition for the Chinese market. Yi Wei, General Manager at Oppo, did not reveal much about the actual TV, but announced it is a key step towards expanding the company's IoT network of devices, reports *GSMArena*. Media reports have claimed that the Oppo smart TVs will be manufactured by TPV Display Technology (Xiamen) Co. Ltd, the parent company of AOC, Envision, and Philips TV business.

## Apple's smallest iPhone!

TECH BUZZ

Apple is expected to launch four new iPhones next month and a new report has claimed that one model with a 5.4-inch display may be called the iPhone 12 Mini. According to a photo depicting alleged stickers from unreleased Silicone iPhone cases originating from Apple's international distribution centre in Ireland, one of the iPhone is likely to be called iPhone 12 Mini. The photo shows three expected sizes of iPhone 12, with the 5.4-inch model being the "iPhone 12 mini," the 6.7-inch model being the "iPhone 12 Pro Max," and the two 6.1-inch models being the "iPhone 12 / iPhone 12 Pro," reports *MacRumors*. According to the report, the iPhone 12 mini would be the first iPhone with the "mini" moniker, which has been seen on the iPad mini, Mac mini and iPod mini. At 5.4-inches, the iPhone 12 mini would be smaller than the iPhone 11 Pro, which is a 5.8-inch device.

**MONKEYRIDE**

A baby macaque rides on its mother's back near Guindy Park, Chennai on Saturday | MARTIN LOUIS

## Australia's mass pilot whale stranding still a mystery

MARINE TRAGEDY

HOBART: The reason for Australia's biggest mass whale stranding will probably remain a mystery, but the social nature of the species involved may have played a part, a marine mammal specialist said on Saturday.

Officials said 108 of some 470 long-finned pilot whales had been rescued from sandbars at Macquarie Harbour on the island state of Tasmania's west coast. There are no living whales remaining in the harbour, the Parks and Wildlife Service said.

The pod got into trouble earlier this week, with efforts now turning to the task of disposing 350 carcasses at sea, which the wildlife service said will take a number of days.

Pilot whales are known for stranding in mass groups. Pilot whales, which can grow up to six metres long and weigh a tonne — are known to be highly social. The top five largest beachings in Tasmania, dating to the early 1800s, all are from the same species.

Some animals have resisted rescue or tried to return to their family after being freed, becoming beached for a second time.

David Hocking, a marine mammal scientist at Monash University in Melbourne, said pilot whales form strong family bonds and can travel in groups of up to 1,000.

"If one or a few animals get themselves into trouble, they put out a distress call. Rather than running away, their instinct is to come together as a group because they have safety in numbers. But that means a few animals getting into trouble means they call more animals into that same area," Hocking said.

Long-finned pilot whales are more closely related to dolphins and rely on echolocation, a series of rebounding clicks, to navigate.

Australia's largest mass stranding had previously been 320 pilot whales in Western Australia state in 1996. Tasmania's previous largest stranding involved 294 whales on the northwest coast in 1935.

# Talc can reduce skin issues among PPE users

LAYER OF PROTECTION

LONDON: Scientists have found that petroleum jelly and talcum powder are most likely to provide long-lasting skin protection to those wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), an advance that may help healthcare workers prevent injury from prolonged use of masks and visors amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to study, published in the journal *PLOS ONE*, the best lubricants to use are those that don't absorb into the skin, creating a long-lasting layer of protection between skin and PPE.

The scientists noted that extended PPE use, particularly on the delicate skin of the face, can cause friction and shear injuries like skin tears, blistering, ulcers and hives.

In order to reduce the effects of friction and shear, workers are advised to apply lubricants every half hour, which they said can be impractical during shift work and may expose workers to the virus.

The scientists added that many typical moisturisers do not last long as they are designed to be absorbed into the skin for a 'non-greasy feel'.

For the study, scientists custom-built a tribometer — instrument that assesses friction between two surfaces — and used it to test the friction between the skin and polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS), a common component of PPE. They tested commercially available products to measure how they changed the friction between PDMS and the inner forearm skin of a person, testing friction upon application.

The study found that while most products initially reduced friction by 20 per cent, some silicone-based and water-and-glycerin based lubricants increased friction levels over time by up to 29 per cent compared to dry skin. Talcum powder reduced friction by 49 per cent on application and 59 per cent at four hours. A commercially available product comprising coconut oil, cocoa butter and beeswax reduced friction by 31 per cent and 53 per cent at four hours.

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